Fiscal Year 2023

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Dear Citizens:

On behalf of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board, I am pleased to present the District's adopted budget for fiscal year (FY) 2023, which runs from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The Final Annual Service Budget report has been prepared pursuant to section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

The FY2023 budget emphasizes commitment to protecting water resources, minimizing flood risks, and meeting the public's water needs in our four areas of responsibility: water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems. The budget meets Governing Board priorities and outlines how the District will achieve its Five-Year Strategic Plan while complying with legislative directives and furthering the Governor's priorities for Florida's environment in support of projects to restore springs, reduce pollution, and develop alternative water supplies (AWS). Finally, the FY2023 budget communicates the long-term funding plan, which aligns the District's vision, mission and goals with prudent allocation of fiscal resources and project reserves, demonstrating the District's continued investment in water resources and ongoing commitment to economic growth.

On September 20, 2022, the District's Governing Board adopted a final millage, the rolled-back rate of 0.2260 mill. This is a reduction of 10.8 percent and will save taxpayers approximately \$15.5 million in property taxes.

The budget for FY2023 is \$211.7 million, compared to \$198 million for FY2022. Approximately \$123 million, representing 58 percent of the total budget, is dedicated to projects. The District will leverage \$90.6 million through cooperative public and private partnerships resulting in a total investment of more than \$165 million for sustainable AWS development, water quality improvements, and other water resource management projects, illustrating the District's commitment to putting tax dollars to work. Since 1988, the District and its partners have a combined investment of approximately \$3.8 billion in critical water resource projects.

Springs continue to be a unique destination for both our citizens and visitors. The District has committed a total of \$18.7 million in the budget toward restoring springs and spring-fed rivers within our region's coastal springs systems. These efforts will provide maximum ecologic and economic benefits in strategic locations through a variety of techniques such as monitoring, research and development, restoration, and septic to sewer conversions.

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The District has prioritized implementing water resource development projects, as outlined in the Regional Water Supply Plan. The budget includes \$41.5 million for AWS projects to continue to reduce the region's dependency on fresh groundwater.

We deliver to you a budget designed to live within our means, meet statutory requirements, and operate on a pay-as-you-go basis without debt. This budget also demonstrates our commitment to continually look for opportunities to increase efficiencies while improving the services we provide to the public.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Armstrong, P.G. Executive Director

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A. History of Water Management Districts

Due to extreme drought and shifting public focus on resource protection and conservation, legislators passed four major laws in 1972: Environmental Land and Water Management Act, Comprehensive Planning Act, Land Conservation Act, and Water Resources Act. Collectively, these policy initiatives reflected the philosophy that land use, growth management, and water management should be joined.

Florida's institutional arrangement for water management is unique. The Florida Water Resources Act of 1972 (WRA), Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, granted Florida's five water management districts broad authority and responsibility. Two of the five districts existed prior to the passage of the WRA (South Florida and Southwest Florida), primarily as flood control agencies. Today, however, the responsibilities of all five districts encompass four broad categories: water supply (including water allocation and conservation), water quality, flood protection and floodplain management, and natural systems.

The five regional water management districts, established by the Legislature and recognized in the Florida Constitution, are set up largely on hydrologic boundaries. Water management districts are funded by ad valorem taxes normally reserved for local governments using the taxing authority that emanates from a constitutional amendment passed by Floridians in 1976. The water management districts are governed regionally by boards appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. There is also general oversight at the state level by the Department of Environmental Protection.

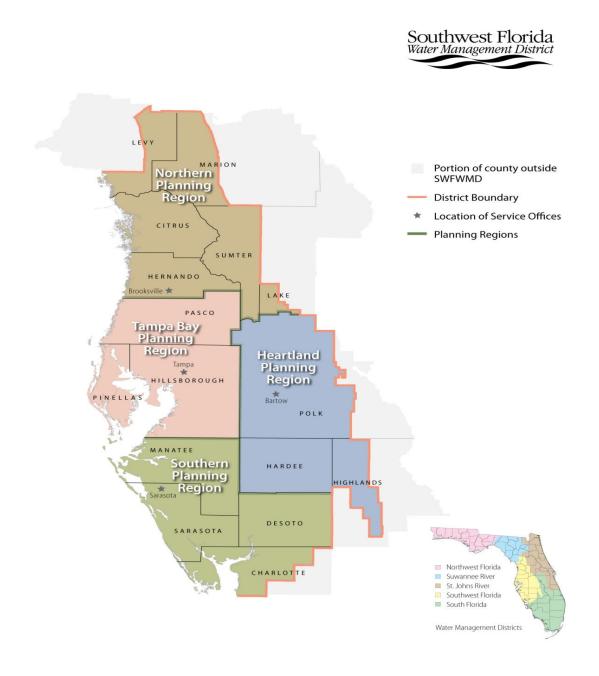
In Florida, water is a resource of the state, owned by no one individual, with the use of water overseen by water management districts acting in the public interest. Florida law recognizes the importance of balancing human needs for water with those of Florida's natural systems.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) was established in 1961 to operate and maintain several large flood protection projects. Since then, legislative action and state agency delegation have expanded the District's responsibilities to include managing water supply and protecting water quality and the natural systems in response to evolving water management challenges. The District, along with the other four water management districts, works with state agencies and local governments to ensure there are adequate water supplies to meet growing demands while protecting and restoring the water resources of the state; addressing water quality issues; protecting natural systems in Florida through land acquisition, land management, and ecosystem restoration; and promoting flood protection. For additional information, interested readers should review the websites and contact officials at each district. The District's website is www.WaterMatters.org.

B. Overview of the District

The District includes about 17 percent of the state's total area. The District encompasses all or part* of 16 counties from Levy County in the north to Charlotte County in the south and extends from the Gulf of Mexico east to the highlands of central Florida, as further illustrated below.

Charlotte*	Citrus	DeSoto	Hardee
Hernando	Highlands*	Hillsborough	Lake*
Levy*	Manatee	Marion*	Pasco
Pinellas	Polk*	Sarasota	Sumter



The District contains 97 local governments spread over approximately 10,000 square miles with a total population estimated to be 5.6 million. Several heavily populated and rapidly growing urban areas lie within this District, as does much of Florida's most productive agricultural land and phosphate mining areas. The region also contains the Green Swamp (headwaters for the Peace, Hillsborough, Withlacoochee, and Oklawaha rivers) and numerous lakes, springs, streams, and ponds. There are more than 200 springs within the District. Many of these springs are part of the five first-magnitude spring groups: Chassahowitzka River, Crystal River/Kings Bay, Homosassa River, Rainbow River, and Weeki Wachee River. For planning purposes, the District is divided into four regions: Northern, Tampa Bay, Heartland, and Southern.

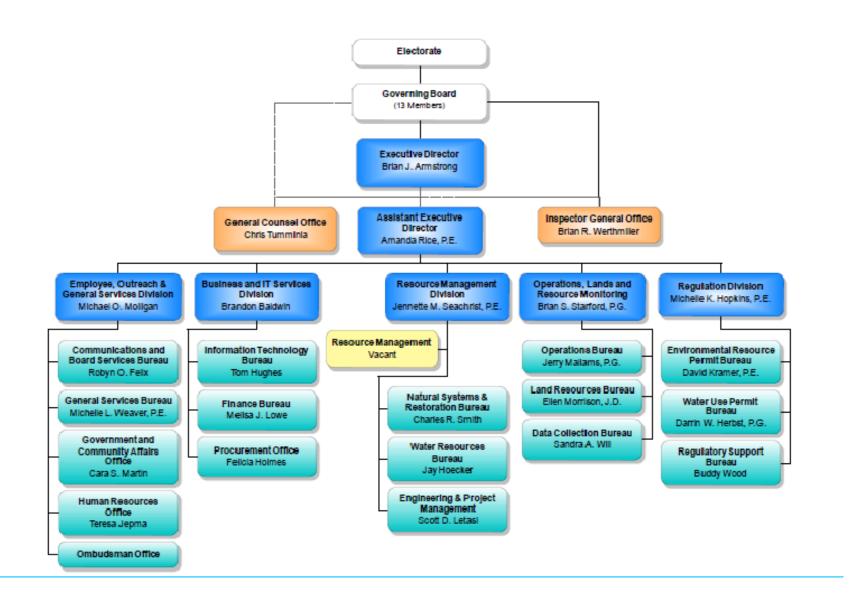
The District is a regional governmental authority (special district) involved in many aspects of water management. The District was created in 1961 by a special act of the Florida Legislature to serve as local sponsor of the Four Rivers Basin, Florida flood-control project designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This law was later incorporated into Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Chapter 373, F.S., establishes funding and general administrative and operating procedures for all five of Florida's water management districts and mandates their overall responsibilities. Like the other water management districts, this District is independently governed by its Governing Board and works closely with the Executive Office of the Governor and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The District's original focus on flood control was expanded to include water use regulation and permitting, water shortage and conservation planning, water resource and supply development, water research assistance, minimum flows and minimum water levels, structural and non-structural forms of flood control, aquatic plant control, hydrologic investigations, land acquisition and management, and public education. In 1982, the DEP further expanded the District's duties by delegating public supply well construction and stormwater management permitting. These tasks represented the districts' first direct involvement in water quality aspects of resource management.

In 1992, the DEP delegated dredge and fill permitting activities, which in 1995 were combined with management and storage of surface water permitting activities, to form the Environmental Resource Permitting program. In 1997, the water management districts were given the additional requirement of creating a Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program that describes the implementation strategy for the water resource development component of each approved regional water supply plan developed.

The District's operations are directed by a 13-member Governing Board. Appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, Governing Board members are unpaid volunteers representing diverse backgrounds and interests. Board members, who must live within the District, serve four-year terms. The Governing Board determines the District's overall policies, executes its statutory and regulatory responsibilities, administers contracts, and authorizes tax levies and budgets in accordance with the Truth in Millage (TRIM) statutory budgetary hearing process. The Governing Board appoints the District's Executive Director, subject to approval by the Governor and the Senate, and appoints the District's Inspector General.

The District's primary funding source is ad valorem taxes, although revenues are also derived from state and federal appropriations, permit fees, interest earnings, and other sources. The taxing capabilities of the District are established by the Legislature within the limits set by the Florida Constitution.



D. Mission and Guiding Principles of the District

The District assumes its responsibilities as authorized in Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and other chapters of the Florida Statutes by directing a wide range of programs, initiatives, and actions. Its Governing Board has adopted the following formal Mission Statement and has made it an integral part of its overall budget philosophy and structure:

"The mission of the Southwest Florida Water Management District is to protect water resources, minimize flood risks, and ensure the public's water needs are met."

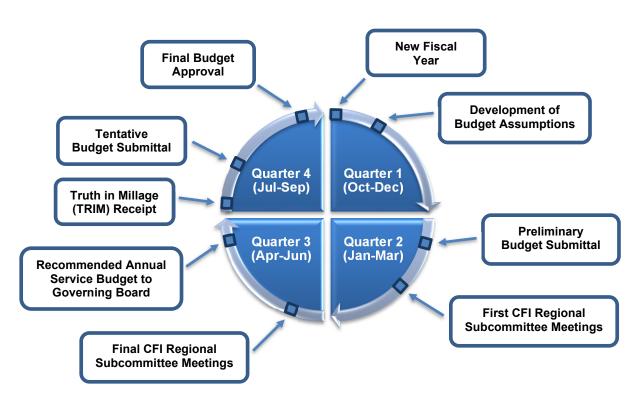
The District has established a goal that acts as a guiding principle for each of the four areas of responsibility (AOR), as well as strategic initiative goals implemented to meet the AOR goals:

- Water Supply Ensure an adequate supply of water to provide for all existing and future reasonable and beneficial uses while protecting and maintaining water resources and related natural systems.
 - Regional Water Supply Planning: Identify, communicate, and promote consensus on the strategies and resources necessary to meet future reasonable and beneficial water supply needs.
 - Alternative Water Supplies: Increase development of alternative sources of water to ensure groundwater and surface water sustainability.
 - Reclaimed Water: Maximize beneficial use of reclaimed water to offset potable water supplies and restore water levels and natural systems.
 - Conservation: Enhance efficiencies in all water-use sectors to ensure beneficial use.
- <u>Water Quality</u> Protect and improve water quality to sustain the water resources, environment, economy, and quality of life.
 - Assessment and Planning: Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional water quality status and trends to support resource management decisions and restoration initiatives.
 - o *Maintenance and Improvement*: Develop and implement programs, projects, and regulations to maintain and improve water quality.
- Flood Protection and Floodplain Management Minimize flood damage to protect people, property, infrastructure, and investment.
 - Floodplain Management: Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information and flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decisions and initiatives.
 - Maintenance and Improvement: Develop and implement programs, projects, and regulations
 to maintain and improve flood protection, and operate District flood control and conservation
 structures to minimize flood damage while preserving the water resource.
 - Emergency Flood Response: Provide effective and efficient assistance to state and local governments and the public to minimize flood damage during and after major storm events, including operation of District flood control and water conservation structures.
- <u>Natural Systems</u> Preserve, protect, and restore natural systems to support their natural hydrologic and ecologic functions.
 - Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs) Establishment and Monitoring:
 Establish and monitor MFLs, and where necessary, develop and implement recovery/prevention strategies to recover water bodies and prevent significant harm.
 - Conservation and Restoration: Restoration and management of natural ecosystems for the benefit of water and water-related resources.

E. Development of the District Budget

The District's fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. The budget development process takes place throughout the fiscal year with guidance from the Governing Board. All meetings of the Governing Board, its committees, and its subcommittees are advertised to provide the public with an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns prior to the adoption of the budget. Additionally, meeting schedules and budget information are available on the District's website at www.WaterMatters.org. The figure below shows the cyclical nature of this process.

Southwest Florida Water Management District Annual Budgeting Cycle



On October 19, 2021, the Governing Board approved budget preparation assumptions to be used for development of the District's fiscal year (FY) 2023 Preliminary Budget. The Preliminary Budget was then finalized, and the draft report was prepared.

On December 14, 2021, the Governing Board approved the draft FY2023 Preliminary Budget for submission to the Legislature. The District then submitted the FY2023 Preliminary Budget to the Florida Legislature on January 15, 2022.

In February 2022, the District's four regional subcommittees of the Governing Board held their first ranking meetings to review the FY2023 Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) requests submitted by cooperators within each planning region. The purpose of these meetings is to allow the public an opportunity to provide input locally and for Board members to ask questions of the applicants and staff.

In April 2022, the four regional subcommittees held their final ranking meetings. Applicants were given the opportunity to address the subcommittees regarding their projects and rankings. At the conclusion of the meetings, the subcommittees finalized the project rankings and their funding recommendations for submittal to the full Governing Board on May 24, 2022.

On May 24, 2022, the Governing Board approved the final rankings and funding of CFI projects to be included in the FY2023 Recommended Annual Service Budget (RASB).

On June 21, 2022, the FY2023 RASB was presented to the Governing Board as part of the Finance/Outreach and Planning Committee agenda. This included an overview of the recommended budget by fund, revenues, and expenditures.

On July 1, 2022, the Certifications of Taxable Value for the District's 16 counties were received by the District.

On July 26, 2022, a budget update was provided to the Governing Board as part of the Finance/Outreach and Planning Committee agenda, including information regarding the results of the county Certifications of Taxable Value received in July. Following the update, the Governing Board adopted a proposed FY2023 millage rate and approved a draft Tentative Budget for submission.

The Standard Format Tentative Budget Submission report reflecting the District's proposed budget for FY2023 was submitted on August 1, 2022 to the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG), the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the chairs of all legislative committees and subcommittees having substantive or fiscal jurisdiction over the water management districts, the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, and each county commission within the District's boundaries for review and comment. The Tentative Budget report addressed any thresholds established by subsection 373.536(5)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), or requested by the EOG or Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) pursuant to subsection 373.536(5)(b), F.S., that had been exceeded since the submittal of the Preliminary Budget on January 15, 2022.

Prior to adoption of the final budget and in compliance with section 200.065, F.S., the District advised all county property appraisers within its jurisdiction, as required by the Truth in Millage (TRIM) process, of the proposed millage rate for FY2023, as well as the rolled-back rate and the date, time, and location of the public hearings on the matter.

The District held two TRIM public hearings in September. The first public hearing took place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 5:01 p.m. at the Tampa Office located at 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida. The second and final public hearing took place on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 5:01 p.m. also at the Tampa Office. No written disapproval of any provision in the Tentative Budget by the EOG or LBC was received.

F. Budget Guidelines

The District developed its budget under guidelines previously established which include:

- Reviewing, on an ongoing basis, personnel, programs, and activities to ensure that the District is meeting its core mission areas without increasing costs for the taxpayers it serves;
- Ensuring that District employee benefits are consistent with those provided to state employees;
- Continuing District implementation plans for the beneficial use of excess fund balances;
- Avoiding new debt; and
- Furthering the Governor's priorities and the Legislature's support of those priorities.

The specific guidelines established by the District's Governing Board and management staff include the following budget assumptions used to develop the fiscal year (FY) 2023 budget.

Revenues

- Ad Valorem Revenues based on a rolled-back millage rate of 0.2260; accounting for growth from new construction.
- Permit and License Fees based on recent permit fees collected and permitting estimates for FY2023.
- Interest Earnings on Investments based on an estimated 1.08 percent yield on investments and projected cash balances.
- Balance from Prior Years based on the utilization of fund balances available per the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, and funds generated from the sale of District land or real estate interests in FY2022.
- Use of Reserves only utilized to fund projects.
- Local Revenues based on cooperators' share for projects, primarily funded through the District's Cooperative Funding Initiative, where the District is serving as the lead party.
- State Revenues based on agreements with state agencies for ongoing initiatives, prior state
 appropriations which are available to be included in the budget, and 2022 appropriations applied to
 funding requests in the FY2023 budget.
- Federal Revenues based on agreements with state agencies for ongoing initiatives utilizing federal pass-through funds.

Expenditures

- Workforce, Salaries, and Benefits:
 - Workforce based on a proposed increase of nine Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs).
 - Salaries based on a proposed three percent increase for performance-based pay increases.
 - Retirement based on rates approved by the 2022 Florida Legislature.
 - Self-Funded Medical Insurance based on recent claims experience, a 9 percent inflation factor, and projected premiums for Administrative Services Only (ASO) and stop-loss insurance.
 - Non-Medical Insurance based on calendar year 2022 premiums and projected rate changes.
- Remaining Operating Budget (including operating expenses, operating capital outlay, and contracted services for operational support and maintenance) – continue to look for savings and efficiencies.

- Contracted Services for District Projects based on priority project requests, separately justified for funding.
- Cooperative Funding Initiative based on FY2023 funding requests from cooperators, after projects are evaluated by staff, and reviewed and ranked by regional subcommittees of the Governing Board.
- District Grants based on priority project requests, separately justified for funding.
- Fixed Capital Outlay based on priority project requests, separately justified for funding.

Budget Targets

- Salaries and benefits not to exceed 50 percent of ad valorem revenue;
- Operating budget (including salaries and benefits) not to exceed 80 percent of ad valorem revenue;
 and
- Project budget is equal to or exceeds 50 percent of total budget.

Pursuant to section 373.536(5)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) may reject budget proposals based on the statutory thresholds described below. The thresholds in this budget are presented below for informational purposes.

- 1. A single purchase of land in excess of \$10 million, except for land exchanges.
 - The District does not have any single purchase of land in excess of \$10 million specifically planned for acquisition in the FY2023 budget. While some properties in the Florida Forever Work Plan could exceed this threshold, acquisition of each property is subject to the market conditions, timing, and negotiations.
- 2. Any cumulative purchase of land during a single fiscal year in excess of \$50 million.
 - The District does not have a cumulative purchase of land in excess of \$50 million in the FY2023 budget.
- 3. Any issuance of debt on or after July 1, 2012.
 - o The District *does not* have any issuance of debt in the FY2023 budget.
- 4. Any program expenditures as described in section 373.536(5)(e)4.e. (Outreach) and f. (Management and Administration) in excess of 15 percent of a district's total annual budget.
 - The District's FY2023 budget for the Outreach and Management and Administration programs does not exceed 15 percent of the total budget as illustrated below.
- 5. Any individual variances in a district's Tentative Budget in excess of 25 percent from a district's Preliminary Budget.
 - The District does not have any individual variances in excess of 25 percent from the Preliminary Budget.

Program	FY2023 Adopted Budget	Percent of Total Budget
5.0 Outreach	\$2,535,146	1.2%
6.0 Management & Administration	\$12,959,965	6.1%
Total Budget (Programs 1.0 through 6.0)	\$211,683,181	100.0%
Programs 5.0 & 6.0 Combined Total	\$15,495,111	7.3%

G. Budget Development Calendar and Milestones

October 1	District fiscal year (FY) begins
October	Preliminary Budget development begins
October 1	Applications for Cooperative Funding Initiative requests due
October 19	Governing Board approval of Preliminary Budget development process and assumptions
December 13	Draft Preliminary Budget provided to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review
December 14	Governing Board approval of Preliminary Budget for submission to the Florida Legislature by January 15
January 1	Truth in Millage (TRIM) Certification of Compliance or Noncompliance with section 200.065, Florida Statutes (F.S.), due to the Department of Financial Services (373.503(6), F.S.)
January 15	Preliminary Budget due to the Florida Legislature (373.535(1)(a), F.S.)
February	Distribution of Budget Preparation Guidelines and staff training conducted
February 2-10	Preliminary review and rankings of Cooperative Funding requests by four regional subcommittees of Governing Board
March 1	Legislative Preliminary Budget comments due to the District (373.535(2)(b), F.S.)
March 15	District must provide written response to any legislative comments (373.535(2)(b), F.S.)
March – May	District continues evaluation and refinement of the budget
April 6-14	Final review and rankings of Cooperative Funding requests by four regional subcommittees of Governing Board
May 24	Governing Board approval of final ranking and funding of cooperative funding requests for inclusion in the Recommended Annual Service Budget
June 1	Property Appraisers provide estimates of taxable values to the District
June 21	Recommended Annual Service Budget delivered to the Governing Board (373.536(2), F.S.)
July 1	If no action taken by the Florida Legislature, development of the Tentative Budget proceeds (373.535(2)(c), F.S.)
July 1	Property Appraisers provide certificates of taxable values to the District – TRIM (193.023(1) & 200.065(1), F.S.)
July 11	Draft Tentative Budget due to DEP for review

July 26	Governing Board adopts the proposed millage rate and approves the August 1 submittal of the Tentative Budget
August 1	Tentative Budget due to the Florida Legislature (373.536(5)(d), F.S.)
August 4	TRIM - DR420 forms submitted to 16 county property appraisers (200.065(2)(b), F.S.)
September 4	Tentative Budget is posted on District's official website (373.536(5)(d), F.S.)
September 5	Comments on Tentative Budget due from legislative committees and subcommittees (373.536(5)(f), F.S.)
September 6	Public Hearing to adopt the tentative millage rate and budget (Tampa Office) (373.536(3), F.S.)
September 13	Written disapproval of any provision in Tentative Budget due from Executive Office of the Governor and Legislative Budget Commission (373.536(5)(c), F.S.)
September 20	Public hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget (Tampa Office) (373.536(3), F.S.)
September 23	District sends copies of resolutions adopting final millage rate and budget to counties served by the District (200.065(4), F.S.)
September 30	District fiscal year ends
September 30	District submits Adopted Budget for current fiscal year to the Florida Legislature (373.536(6)(a)1., F.S.)
October 20	District submits TRIM certification package to Department of Revenue (200.068, F.S.)

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A. Budget Overview

The fiscal year (FY) 2023 Adopted Budget demonstrates the District's commitment to protecting and restoring Florida's water resources while meeting Governing Board priorities, legislative directives, and the District's Five-Year Strategic Plan; and ensuring its core mission is achieved. The budget also furthers the Governor's priorities for Florida's environment and the Legislature's support of those priorities and recognizes the importance of continued state funding critical to providing resources for land management, water supply, water quality, and water restoration activities. The FY2023 budget is \$211,683,181, compared to \$198,049,447 for FY2022. This is an increase of \$13,633,734 or 6.9 percent.

The FY2023 budget meets the following goals established by the District's Governing Board:

- Project expenditures equal to or exceeds 50 percent of budget 58 percent achieved.
- Operating expenditures do not exceed 80 percent of ad valorem revenue 73 percent achieved.
- Salaries and benefits do not exceed 50 percent of ad valorem revenue 49 percent achieved.

The operating portion of the FY2023 budget is \$88,889,636, compared to \$83,479,485 for FY2022. This is an increase of \$5,410,151 or 6.5 percent. In line with the state's budget, a 5.38 percent salary adjustment is being provided to ensure District employee benefits are consistent with those provided to state employees. In the Adopted Budget, there is a three percent increase for performance-based pay adjustments and nine new Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions. The total FTEs in the FY2023 budget is 583, compared to 574 for FY2022, which is an increase of 1.6 percent. Holding the operating expenditures at 73 percent of ad valorem revenue provides the District with the funding capacity to sustain a significant investment in Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) and other cooperative programs where the dollars are leveraged to maximize environmental benefits.

The projects portion of the FY2023 budget is \$122,793,545, compared to \$114,569,962 for FY2022. This is an increase of \$8,223,583 or 7.2 percent. Interagency expenditures, comprised of CFI projects and District grants, account for \$90,569,064. This includes a total of \$31,500,000 anticipated from funds appropriated by the 2022 Florida Legislature for Springs Initiative and alternative water supply (AWS) projects, and \$2,212,125 in local and state revenue for projects where the District is serving as the lead party. The District's funds leveraged with its partners will result in a total regional investment of more than \$165 million in FY2023 for sustainable AWS development, water quality improvements, and other water resource management projects.

The FY2023 budget includes ad valorem revenue of \$122,549,760, an increase of \$3,753,140 from \$118,796,620 for FY2022. This is based on the adoption of the rolled-back millage rate of 0.2260; accounting for the 3.55 percent increase from new construction indicated on the 16 county property appraisers' July 1 certifications of taxable property value.

B. Adequacy of Fiscal Resources

The District is committed to solving the region's water resource issues through cooperative programs, primarily its Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) which has been in place since 1988. These efforts have resulted in a combined investment (District, the State, and its cooperators) of approximately \$3.8 billion for the region's water resources. Projects are based on regional water supply plans and established funding thresholds for vital water quality, flood protection, and natural systems projects.

The evaluation of fiscal resources over a five-year span is required to ensure sustainable funding for CFI and other critical projects and plans set forth by the District. This evaluation includes the District's long-term funding plan, demonstrating the District's ability to adequately address the core mission areas of responsibility.

The District's financial modeling tool is used to assess the adequacy of its financial resources under various economic conditions and resource demands. The financial model considers all available resources and reserves, and future revenues and resource demands for projects. This includes major water supply and resource development projects consistent with the 2020 Regional Water Supply Plan, and for smaller local projects, typically conservation and reuse. The District believes these efforts provide a strong basis for the long-term funding plan.

Beginning with FY2024, the primary assumptions which drive the long-term funding plan are consistent with the guidelines established to develop the FY2023 budget, including:

Revenues:

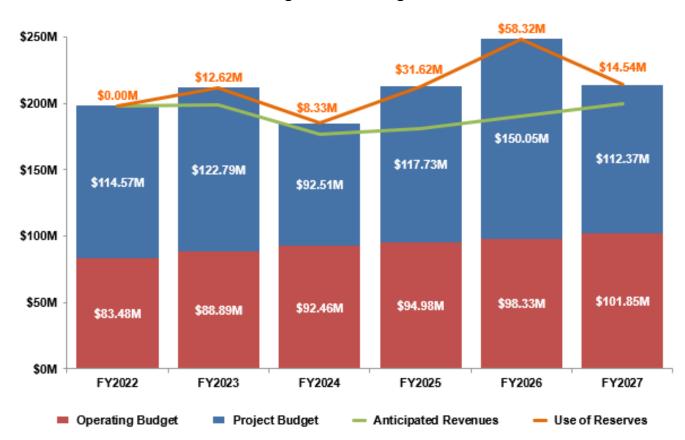
- Millage Rate based on a rolled-back millage rate.
- Ad Valorem based on the most recent results of the District's new construction and property
 value ad valorem models.
- **Local** based on historical trends for cooperators' share for projects, primarily funded through the District's CFI, where the District is serving as the lead party.
- **State** based on agreements with state agencies for ongoing initiatives and estimated appropriations from recurring state programs.
- **Federal** based on known federal revenue sources for recurring programs.
- Fund Balance (Balance from Prior Years/Use of Reserves) only utilized to fund projects.

Expenditures:

- Operating Budget includes salaries and benefits, operating expenses, contracted services for operational support and maintenance, and operating capital outlay.
 - o Increase in operating budget not to exceed additional ad valorem revenue from projected new construction within a fiscal year.
- **Project Budget** includes CFI projects; District grants and initiatives; and fixed capital outlay for land acquisition, capital improvements to District facilities and structures, and well construction.
 - Future requirements for current board-approved projects,
 - o Projected requirements for anticipated large-scale projects, and
 - o Estimated baseline funding for other future projects based on historical trends.

The graph below displays the FY2022 Adopted Budget, FY2023 Adopted Budget, and projected expenditures and revenues for FY2024 through FY2027. The red bar represents operating expenditures, and the blue bar represents project expenditures. The green line signifies anticipated revenues, with the orange line displaying the use of reserves. The associated dollar amount above the orange line represents the shortfall (use of reserves) in anticipated revenues required to balance the budget.

Southwest Florida Water Management District Long-Term Funding Plan



Conclusion:

The District has developed the FY2023 Adopted Budget to ensure the long-term sustainability of the region's water resources. Maintaining operational costs in-line with current ad valorem revenue levels (approximately 73 percent of ad valorem) has allowed the Governing Board the flexibility to continue the necessary annual investment in critical water resource management projects for the west-central Florida region. Even with the significant investment of \$122,793,545 for projects in the FY2023 budget, the District believes its resources, supplemented with project reserves, will maintain a healthy investment in water resources over the next five years.

C. Budget by Fund

General Fund

The **General Fund** is the primary operating fund of the District. The General Fund budget is \$200,064,282, an increase of \$34,921,752 compared to \$165,142,530 in fiscal year (FY) 2022. The increase is primarily due to state appropriations anticipated to be awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), along with the District's share, for Water Supply and Water Resource Development Grant Program (\$13,175,000), Springs Initiative projects (\$14,500,000); and an increase in contracted services for Restoration Initiative projects (\$5,499,000).

Special Revenue Funds

The **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mitigation Fund** accounts for the revenue received from the FDOT for the state-mandated FDOT Mitigation Program. This program requires mitigation to offset adverse impacts of transportation projects to be funded by the FDOT and carried out by the DEP and the water management districts. The FDOT Mitigation Fund budget is \$784,899, an increase of \$91,882 compared to \$693,017 in FY2022. The increase is due to an increase in planned maintenance for the mitigated sites.

Capital Projects Funds

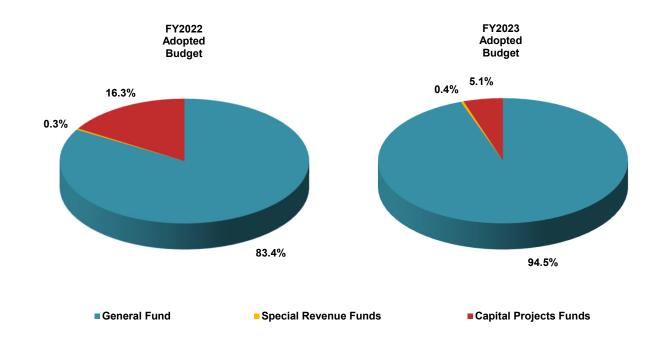
The **Facilities Fund** includes capital renovations, enhancements, or expansions of existing facilities and the purchase or construction of new facilities. The District continues its historical practice of completing capital improvement projects on a pay-as-you-go basis. Repair and maintenance activities are funded through the District's General Fund. The Facilities Fund budget is \$1,034,000, an increase of \$70,100 compared to \$963,900 in FY2022. The budget includes funding for Districtwide scheduled heating, ventilation and air conditioning replacements, as well as window, roof, and elevator replacements for the Brooksville office.

The **Structures Fund** includes large-scale structure construction projects including replacements or refurbishments of existing structures. The District continues its historical practice of completing capital improvement projects on a pay-as-you-go basis. Repair and maintenance are funded through the District's General Fund. Funds are not required within the Structures Fund budget for FY2023 compared to \$4,000,000 in FY2022. However, as in recent years, a significant amount of resources have been allocated for capital improvement project planning and repairs to address deficiencies at the District's water control structures which are not considered capital expenditures.

The **Florida Forever Fund** includes the acquisition of land through the Florida Forever program for conservation and restoration purposes utilizing state appropriations from various trust funds for the program. While all prior state appropriations have been exhausted, the Florida Forever Fund's resources come from dollars within the District's investment accounts that were generated from the sale of land or real estate interests originally acquired utilizing funds appropriated by the state. Per Florida Statutes, these dollars are restricted and must be reinvested in future land acquisition through the Florida Forever program. The Florida Forever Fund budget is \$9,800,000, a decrease of \$17,450,000 compared to \$27,250,000 in FY2022.

BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON BY FUND

	FY202	2	FY2023		DIFFERENCE	
	ADOPTED	% OF	ADOPTED	% OF	INCREASE /	% OF
FUND	BUDGET	TOTAL	BUDGET	TOTAL	(DECREASE)	CHANGE
General Fund						
General Fund - Districtwide	\$165,142,530		\$200,064,282		\$34,921,752	21.1%
Total General Fund	\$165,142,530	83.4%	\$200,064,282	94.5%	\$34,921,752	21.1%
Special Revenue Funds						
FDOT Mitigation Fund	\$693,017		\$784,899		\$91,882	13.3%
Total Special Revenue Funds	\$693,017	0.3%	\$784,899	0.4%	\$91,882	13.3%
Capital Projects Funds						
Facilities Fund	\$963,900	0.5%	\$1,034,000	0.5%	\$70,100	7.3%
Structures Fund	4,000,000	2.0%	-	0.0%	(4,000,000)	(100.0%)
Florida Forever Fund	27,250,000	13.8%	9,800,000	4.6%	(17,450,000)	(64.0%)
Total Capital Projects Funds	\$32,213,900	16.3%	\$10,834,000	5.1%	(\$21,379,900)	(66.4%)
Total Appropriation	\$198,049,447	100.0%	\$211,683,181	100.0%	\$13,633,734	6.9%



D. Budget by Revenue Source

Ad Valorem Taxes: Represents property taxes levied on the taxable value of real and personal property as certified by the property appraiser in each of the 16 counties within the District's region and is the District's primary funding source. The budget is \$122,549,760, an increase of \$3,753,140 compared to \$118,796,620 in fiscal year (FY) 2022 based on the adoption of the rolled-back millage rate of 0.2260; accounting for the 3.55 percent increase in new construction.

State/Federal/Local Funding: Represents funds received from the State of Florida, federal government, and local governments. The budget is \$37,625,359, an increase of \$24,052,022 compared to \$13,573,337 in FY2022.

- State funding includes:
 - \$20,000,000 in new appropriations anticipated to be awarded by the DEP for Water Supply & Water Resource Development Grant Program projects.
 - \$11,500,000 in new appropriations anticipated to be awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for Springs Initiative projects.
 - \$2,780,000 from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund new (\$2,250,000) and prior year (\$530,000) appropriations for land management activities.
 - \$692,561 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the FDOT Mitigation program.
 - \$97,500 from the DEP for the Hammock State Park/Little Charlie Bowlegs Watershed Management Plan Cooperative Funding Initiative project.
 - o \$318,000 from other recurring state programs.
- Federal funding includes:
 - \$97,849 from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the FDOT Mitigation program.
 - o \$24,824 from the USDOT for FDOT Efficient Transportation Decision Making program.
- Local funding includes \$2,114,625 for cooperatively funded projects where the District serves as the lead party.

Permit and License Fees: Represents revenue generated from consumptive use permits, environmental resource permits, water well construction permits, and water well contractor licenses. The budget is \$2,256,857, an increase of \$67,958 compared to \$2,188,899 in FY2022 based on anticipated increases in relation to environmental resource and well construction permit applications.

Interest Earnings on Investments: The budget is \$5,800,000, an increase of \$2,500,000 compared to \$3,300,000 in FY2022 based on a 1.08 percent estimated yield on investments and projected cash balances.

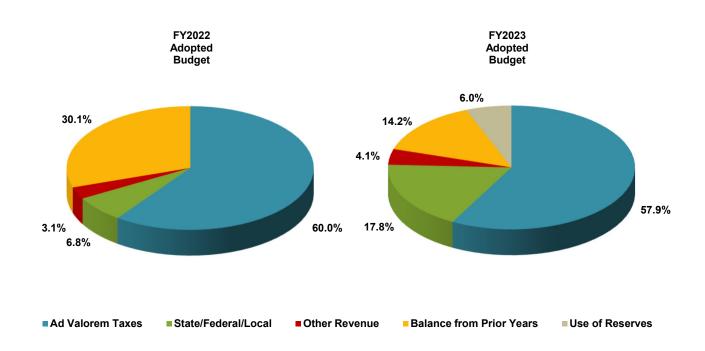
Miscellaneous Revenue: Represents items that fall outside of the categories described above, including revenue generated from District-owned conservation lands such as timber sales. The budget is \$645,300, an increase of \$33,600 compared to \$611,700 in FY2022 primarily due to projected revenue from cattle leases (\$24,000) and timber sales (\$15,000).

Balance from Prior Years: Represents fund balances available from prior years to be utilized as a resource to fund the upcoming budget. These funds result from revenues received greater than budgeted including the sale of District assets or unexpended funds primarily due to projects completed under budget or cancelled. The budget is \$30,185,383, a decrease of \$29,393,508 compared to \$59,578,891 in FY2022 primarily due to less funds required to be utilized for potential land acquisition in FY2023 (\$17,075,000).

Use of Reserves: Represents project reserves to fund vital water resource management projects. In the budget, \$12,620,522 in project reserves are being utilized whereas none were required in FY2022.

BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON BY REVENUE SOURCE

	FY2022		FY2023		DIFFERENCE	
REVENUE SOURCE	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	INCREASE / (DECREASE)	% OF CHANGE
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$118,796,620	60.0%	\$122,549,760	57.9%	\$3,753,140	3.2%
State/Federal/Local						
DEP - Inglis Dam & Spillway	\$150,000		\$150,000		\$0	
DEP - Highlands Hammock St Prk/Little Charlie Bowlegs WMP	97,500		97,500		0	
DEP - Springs Initiative	0		11,500,000		11,500,000	
DEP - Water Supply & Water Res. Development - AWS	0		20,000,000		20,000,000	
FDOT - Mitigation Program	589,556		692,561		103,005	
FWC - Aquatic Plant Management	144,609		168,000		23,391	
State Appr - Florida Forever TF (FFTF) - prior year funds	1,125,000		0		(1,125,000)	
State Appr - Land Acquisition TF (LATF) - Land Mgmt.	2,250,000		2,250,000		0	
State Appr - LATF - Land Mgmt prior year funds	101,707		530,000		428,293	
State Funding:	\$4,458,372	2.2%	\$35,388,061	16.7%	\$30,929,689	693.7%
DEP - Water Supply & Water Res. Development - AWS	\$6,825,000		\$0		(\$6,825,000)	
FDOT - ETDM	26,011		24,824		(1,187)	
FDOT - Mitigation Program	110,154		97,849		(12,305)	_
Federal Funding:	\$6,961,165	3.5%	\$122,673	0.1%	(\$6,838,492)	(98.2%)
Local Funding:	\$2,153,800	1.1%	\$2,114,625	1.0%	(\$39,175)	(1.8%)
Total State/Federal/Local	\$13,573,337	6.8%	\$37,625,359	17.8%	\$24,052,022	177.2%
Other Revenue						
Permit and License Fees	\$2,188,899		\$2,256,857		\$67,958	
Interest Earnings on Investments	3,300,000		5,800,000		2,500,000	
Miscellaneous	611,700		645,300		33,600	
Total Other Revenue	\$6,100,599	3.1%	\$8,702,157	4.1%	\$2,601,558	42.6%
Balance from Prior Years	\$59,578,891	30.1%	\$30,185,383	14.2%	(\$29,393,508)	(49.3%)
Use of Reserves	\$0	0.0%	\$12,620,522	6.0%	\$12,620,522	N/A
Total Revenues and Balances	\$198,049,447	100.0%	\$211,683,181	100.0%	\$13,633,734	6.9%



E. Budget by Expenditure Category

OPERATING BUDGET

<u>Salaries and Benefits:</u> Includes funding for District regular full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. The budget includes 583 FTE positions, an increase of nine compared to 574 in fiscal year (FY) 2022. In line with the state's budget, a 5.38 percent salary adjustment is being provided to ensure District employee benefits are consistent with those provided to state employees. In the Adopted Budget, there is a three percent increase for performance-based pay adjustments. The budget is \$59,682,241, an increase of \$4,407,999 compared to \$55,274,242 in FY2022.

The increase is primarily due to increases in:

- Regular Salaries and Wages (\$2,967,240)
- Retirement (\$700,601)
- Self-Funded Medical (\$362,417)
- Employer Paid FICA Taxes (\$235,079)
- Non-Medical Insurance Premiums (\$121,411)
- Student Internship Program (\$105,751)

For a detailed list of Salaries and Benefits, refer to page 46.

<u>Operating Expenses:</u> Includes items such as Software Licensing and Maintenance, Property Tax Commissions, Maintenance and Repair of Buildings and Structures, Parts and Supplies, Fuels and Lubricants, Insurance and Bonds, Maintenance and Repair of Equipment, Utilities, Non-Capital Equipment, Travel – Staff Duties and Training, and Telephone and Communications. The budget is \$16,628,527, an increase of \$374,258 compared to \$16,254,269 in FY2022.

The increase is primarily due to increases in:

- Software Licensing and Maintenance (\$761,675)
- Fuels and Lubricants (\$237,500)
- Maintenance and Repair of Equipment (\$113,390)

The increases are primarily offset by reductions in:

- Non-Capital Equipment (\$437,861)
- Insurance and Bonds (\$68,723)
- Travel Staff Duties and Training (\$68,073)
- Maintenance and Repair of Buildings and Structures (\$61,500)
- Utilities (\$48.400)
- District Land Maintenance Materials (\$46,500)

For a detailed listing of Operating Expenses, refer to page 47.

Contracted Services for Operational Support & Maintenance: Includes outsourced services in support of District operations such as Research, Data Collection, Analysis & Monitoring; Land Management and Use; Technology and Information Services; Works of the District; Regulation Permitting; Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs); and Watershed Management Planning. These services are vital to protecting Florida's water resources and are primarily performed by the private sector, representing a direct investment into the economy. The budget is \$10,307,631, an increase of \$499,253 compared to \$9,808,378 in FY2022.

The increase is primarily due to increases in:

- Works of the District (\$485,000)
- Research, Data Collection, Analysis & Monitoring (\$441,630)
- Land Management and Use (\$340,630)
- Regulation Permitting (\$207,568)
- Procurement/Contract Administration (\$75,000)
- Water Supply Planning (\$50,000)

The increases are primarily offset by reductions in:

- MFLs (\$1,004,000)
- Watershed Management Planning (\$100,000)

For a detailed listing of Contracted Services for Operational Support & Maintenance, refer to page 48.

<u>Operating Capital Outlay:</u> Represents purchases and leases of heavy equipment, vehicles, watercraft, computer hardware, and other equipment with a value per item of at least \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of one or more years. The budget is \$2,271,237, an increase of \$128,641 compared to \$2,142,596 in FY2022.

The increase is primarily due to increases in:

- Inside Equipment excluding Information Technology (\$204,100)
- Information Technology Equipment (\$145,400)

The increases are primarily offset by a reduction in:

Capital Lease/Financed Equipment (\$237,996)

For a detailed listing of Operating Capital Outlay, refer to pages 49 through 50.

PROJECT BUDGET

<u>Contracted Services for District Projects:</u> Represents projects such as Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM), conservation lands restoration, water control structure rehabilitations, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) research, and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mitigation. These projects are vital to protecting Florida's water resources and are primarily performed by the private sector, representing a direct investment into the economy. The budget is \$13,512,231, an increase of \$4,276,946 compared to \$9,235,285 in FY2022.

The increase is primarily due to increases in:

- Restoration Initiatives (\$5,499,000)
- Mapping & Survey Control (\$805,000)

The increases are primarily offset by reductions in:

- Structure Operations and Maintenance (\$1,520,000)
- Studies & Assessments (\$675,000)

For a detailed listing of Contracted Services for District Projects, refer to pages 51 through 54.

<u>Cooperative Funding/District Grants:</u> Represents matching funds provided through the District's Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) and District grants such as the Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) program. The CFI generally provides 50 percent matching funds toward the cost of projects that help create sustainable water resources, enhance conservation efforts, improve water quality, provide flood protection, and restore natural ecosystems. The budget is \$90,569,064, an increase of \$27,104,787 compared to \$63,464,277 in FY2022.

The increase is primarily due to increases in:

- Springs Water Quality (\$14,075,953)
- Water Supply & Water Resource Development Grant Program (\$13,175,000)
- Stormwater Improvements Water Quality (\$5,338,266)
- Regional Potable Water Interconnects (\$3,703,293)
- Reclaimed Water (\$2,465,250)

The increases are primarily offset by reductions in:

- Stormwater Improvements Implementation of Storage & Conveyance BMPs (\$7,276,725)
- Surface Water Reservoirs and Treatment Plants (\$3,625,000)

For a detailed listing of Cooperative Funding and District Grants, refer to pages 55 through 59.

<u>Fixed Capital Outlay:</u> Represents potential purchases of land and land easements, and the construction or improvements of water control structures, wells, buildings, bridges, and other capital structures. The budget is \$18,712,250, a decrease of \$23,158,150 compared to \$41,870,400 in FY2022.

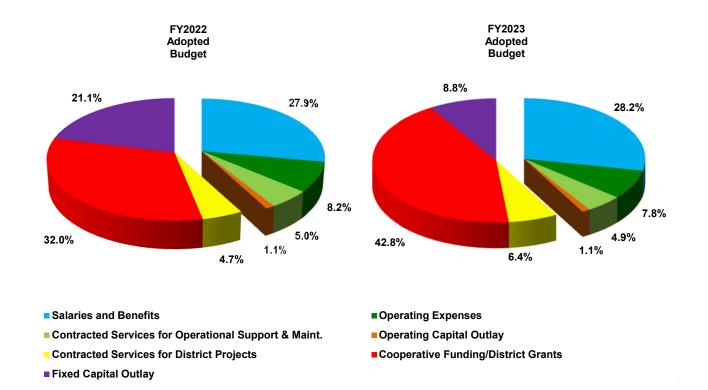
The decrease is primarily due to reductions in:

- Florida Forever Land Acquisitions (\$18,200,000)
- District Water Control Structure Construction and Improvements (\$4,750,000)

For a detailed listing of Fixed Capital Outlay, refer to page 60.

BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON BY EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

	FY2022 FY2023		3	DIFFERENCE		
	ADOPTED	% OF	ADOPTED	% OF	INCREASE /	% OF
EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	BUDGET	TOTAL	BUDGET	TOTAL	(DECREASE)	CHANGE
Operating						
Salaries and Benefits	\$55,274,242	27.9%	\$59,682,241	28.2%	\$4,407,999	8.0%
Operating Expenses	16,254,269	8.2%	16,628,527	7.8%	374,258	2.3%
Contracted Services for Operational Support & Maint.	9,808,378	5.0%	10,307,631	4.9%	499,253	5.1%
Operating Capital Outlay	2,142,596	1.1%	2,271,237	1.1%	128,641	6.0%
Total Operating	\$83,479,485	42.2%	\$88,889,636	42.0%	\$5,410,151	6.5%
<u>Projects</u>						
Contracted Services for District Projects	\$9,235,285	4.7%	\$13,512,231	6.4%	\$4,276,946	46.3%
Cooperative Funding/District Grants	63,464,277	32.0%	90,569,064	42.8%	27,104,787	42.7%
Fixed Capital Outlay	41,870,400	21.1%	18,712,250	8.8%	(23,158,150)	(55.3%)
Total Projects	\$114,569,962	57.8%	\$122,793,545	58.0%	\$8,223,583	7.2%
Total Expenditures	\$198,049,447	100.0%	\$211,683,181	100.0%	\$13,633,734	6.9%



F. Budget by Program

The water management districts are responsible for six program areas pursuant to subsection 373.536(5)(e)4, Florida Statutes: Water Resource Planning and Monitoring; Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works; Operation and Maintenance of Works and Lands; Regulation; Outreach; and Management and Administration.

Program 1.0 – Water Resource Planning and Monitoring: Encompasses a broad scope of programs critical to the core mission, including water supply planning; minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFLs); data collection, research and studies; watershed and water body planning; flood mapping; and technical assistance to local governments. The budget is \$33,711,033, a decrease of \$2,035,445 compared to \$35,746,478 in fiscal year (FY) 2022.

The decrease is primarily due to reductions in:

- Contracted services for MFLs Technical Support (\$704,000), Studies & Assessments (\$675,000), and MFLs Establishment and Evaluation (\$300,000).
- Operating expenses for non-capital equipment (\$91,751), travel for staff duties and training (\$38,699), maintenance and repair of monitor wells (\$25,000), and telephone and communications (\$14,552).
- Operating capital outlay for outside equipment (\$135,365).
- Fixed capital outlay for well construction associated with the Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling program (\$703,250).
- Cooperative funding/District grants for Watershed Management Planning (\$526,096).

The reductions are primarily offset by increases in:

- Contracted services for Mapping & Survey Control (\$805,150) and Biologic Data (\$247,000).
- Operating expenses for software licensing and maintenance (\$100,017).
- Cooperative funding/District grants for Water Supply Planning (\$100.000).

<u>Program 2.0 – Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works:</u> Includes development and construction of capital projects such as water supply development, water resource development, stormwater management, both the implementation of storage and conveyance Best Management Practices (BMPs) and water quality improvements, and natural system restoration. Also included is the acquisition of lands for flood protection, water storage, water management, conservation and protection of water resources, aquifer recharge, and preservation of wetlands, streams, lakes, and springs. The budget is \$115,317,063, an increase of \$15,827,215 compared to \$99,489,848 in FY2022.

The increase is primarily due to increases in:

- Salaries and benefits (\$392,003).
- Contracted services for Restoration Initiatives (\$5,499,000), Aquifer Storage & Recovery Feasibility and Pilot Testing (\$250,000), MFLs Recovery (\$130,000), and Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation maintenance and monitoring (\$100,000).
- Operating Capital Outlay for inside equipment (\$26,541).
- Cooperative funding/District grants for Springs Water Quality (\$14,075,953), Water Supply & Water Resource Development Grant Program (\$13,175,000), Stormwater Improvements Water Quality (\$5,338,266), Regional Potable Water Interconnects (\$3,703,293), Reclaimed Water (\$2,465,250), and mini-FARMS Program (\$250,000).

The increases are primarily offset by reductions in:

- Fixed capital outlay for potential Florida Forever land acquisitions (\$18,200,000).
- Cooperative funding/District grants for Stormwater Improvements Implementation of Storage & Conveyance BMPs (\$7,276,725), Surface Water Reservoir & Treatment Plants (\$3,625,000), Restoration Initiatives (\$506,731), and Conservation Rebates and Retrofits (\$241,643).

<u>Program 3.0 – Operation and Maintenance of Works and Lands:</u> Includes management and maintenance of District lands; operation and maintenance of water control structures and related facilities; maintenance of District buildings, vehicles, and field equipment; aquatic plant control; and emergency operations. The budget is \$23,571,594, a decrease of \$3,990,098 compared to \$27,561,692 in FY2022.

The decrease is primarily due to reductions in:

- Contracted services for operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of District water control structures, dams, and reservoirs (\$1,195,000).
- Operating expenses for non-capital equipment (\$249,606), property and vehicle insurance (\$100,223), utilities (\$49,900), land maintenance materials (\$46,500), and maintenance and repair of buildings and structures (\$40,500).
- Fixed capital outlay for District water control structure construction and improvements (\$4,750,000).

The reductions are primarily offset by increases in:

- Salaries and benefits (\$831,754).
- Contracted services for management and maintenance of conservation lands (\$292,130), management and maintenance of canals, dam embankments, and culverts (\$160,000), Debris Management Plan update (\$65,000), and a fleet utilization system replacement (\$50,000).
- Operating expenses for fuels and lubricants (\$237,500) and software licensing and maintenance (\$173,460).
- Operating capital outlay for vehicle replacements (\$120,602) and the Capital Field Equipment Fund (\$100,000).
- Fixed capital outlay for construction of a sump pump at the Medard Reservoir (\$325,000) and an airboat slide at the District's Flying Eagle property (\$100,000).

Program 4.0 – Regulation: Includes all permitting functions of the District, including consumptive use permitting, water well construction permitting and contractor licensing, environmental resource permitting, and permit compliance enforcement. The budget is \$23,588,380, an increase of \$2,727,728 compared to \$20,860,652 in FY2022.

The increase is primarily due to increases in:

- Salaries and benefits (\$2,216,507).
- Contracted services for the Agricultural Ground and Surface Water Management program (\$244,375), expansion of a data collection system to support water use permitting (\$100,000), financial systems upgrades (\$54,656), and mobile irrigation labs (\$50,000).
- Operating expenses for software licensing and maintenance (\$312,015), maintenance and repair of equipment (\$48,974), non-capital equipment (\$48,020), and telephone and communications (\$18,539).
- Operating capital outlay for an audio/visual system upgrade in the Brooksville Office boardroom (\$90,531).

The increases are primarily offset by a reduction in:

• Contracted services for the ePermitting system modernization (\$300,000), Districtwide Regulation Model steady-state and transient calibrations (\$90,000), and consumptive use modeling software support (\$60,000).

<u>Program 5.0 – Outreach:</u> Includes public and youth education, public information, and legislative liaison functions. The budget is \$2,535,146, an increase of \$335,153 compared to \$2,199,993 in FY2022.

The increase is primarily due to increases in:

- Salaries and benefits (\$285,145).
- Contracted services for public service announcements to support the Florida Water Star^{sм} Builder Conservation Education Program (\$25,000).
- Operating expenses for software licensing and maintenance (\$27,453) and maintenance and repair of equipment (\$4,082).
- Operating capital outlay for an audio/visual system upgrade in the Brooksville Office boardroom (\$7,101).

The increases are primarily offset by a reduction in:

• Operating expenses for non-capital equipment (\$16,987).

<u>Program 6.0 – Management and Administration:</u> Encompasses the business functions necessary to operate the District, including executive direction, legal services, internal audit services, finance, procurement, human resources, risk management, property appraiser and tax collector commissions, and other administrative support. The budget is \$12,959,965, an increase of \$769,181 compared to \$12,190,784 in FY2022.

The increase is primarily due to increases in:

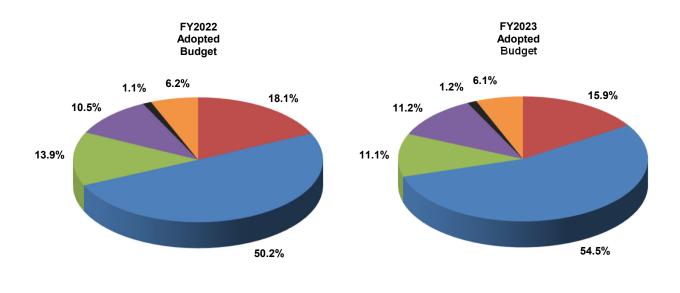
- Salaries and benefits (\$661,518).
- Contracted services for development of standard technical specifications for construction bids and contracts (\$60,000), a Districtwide pay study (\$40,000), and financial systems upgrades (\$17,699).
- Operating expenses for software licensing and maintenance (\$98,178), the reclassification of leased print shop equipment from Operating Capital Outlay (\$60,405), and liability insurance (\$31,500).
- Operating capital outlay for an audio/visual system upgrade in the Brooksville Office boardroom (\$29,619).

The increases are primarily offset by reductions in:

- Contracted services for Districtwide professional development training (\$42,000).
- Operating expenses for non-capital equipment (\$80,065) and safety supplies (\$43,200).
- Operating capital outlay for the reclassification of leased print shop equipment to Operating Expenses (\$60,405).

BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON BY PROGRAM

	FY2022		FY2023		DIFFERENCE	
	ADOPTED	% OF	ADOPTED	% OF	INCREASE /	% OF
PROGRAM	BUDGET	TOTAL	BUDGET	TOTAL	(DECREASE)	CHANGE
1.0 Water Resource Planning and Monitoring	\$35,746,478	18.1%	\$33,711,033	15.9%	(\$2,035,445)	(5.7%)
2.0 Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	99,489,848	50.2%	115,317,063	54.5%	15,827,215	15.9%
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Works and Lands	27,561,692	13.9%	23,571,594	11.1%	(3,990,098)	(14.5%)
4.0 Regulation	20,860,652	10.5%	23,588,380	11.2%	2,727,728	13.1%
5.0 Outreach	2,199,993	1.1%	2,535,146	1.2%	335,153	15.2%
6.0 Management and Administration	12,190,784	6.2%	12,959,965	6.1%	769,181	6.3%
Total Expenditures	\$198,049,447	100.0%	\$211,683,181	100.0%	\$13,633,734	6.9%



- ■1.0 Water Resource Planning and Monitoring
- ■3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Works and Lands
- ■5.0 Outreach

- ■2.0 Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works
- ■4.0 Regulation
- 6.0 Management and Administration

G. Budget by Area of Responsibility (AOR)

Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.) authorizes the District to direct a wide range of initiatives, programs, and actions. These responsibilities are grouped under four core mission areas by statute: water supply, water quality, flood protection and floodplain management, and natural systems. The District has developed and the Governing Board has approved the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, updated February 2022, which reflects the District's commitment to meeting the four core mission areas, as well as strategic initiative goals implemented to meet the AOR goals.

<u>Water Supply</u> \$64,502,915

Regional Water Supply Planning – Identify, communicate, and promote consensus on the strategies and resources necessary to meet future reasonable and beneficial water supply needs.

The District is providing cost-share funding with water supply authorities for water supply planning in the Adopted Budget (\$181,382). In addition, the budget includes \$251,179 to continue collaborative planning efforts with the St. Johns River and South Florida water management districts, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and public supply utilities within the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) boundaries, comparably benefitting water supply and natural systems. Data collection activities that aid in the evaluation of future water supply needs throughout the District, with a primary focus in the CFWI area, are provided with \$3.1 million in the budget for the Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling program, which also includes real estate services and land survey costs for well site acquisition.

Alternative Water Supplies (AWS) – Increase development of alternative sources of water to ensure groundwater and surface water sustainability.

The District offers funding incentives for the development of AWS to reduce competition for limited supplies of fresh groundwater. Some AWS development efforts, such as aquifer recharge, inadvertently provide aid to natural systems. Through its Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI), the District leverages other local and regional funding by offering matching funds, generally up to 50 percent of the cost of AWS projects. The Adopted Budget consists of \$41.5 million for AWS, of which \$35.7 million provides a water supply benefit through efforts including surface water treatment plants, regional interconnections and wellfield transmissions, brackish groundwater, and aquifer recharge systems. This includes a cooperative effort with the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority for the construction of two potable water transmission interconnections as part of the Regional Integrated Loop System. One will extend the system approximately 10 miles north from its current terminus at Clark Road (SR-72) to Fruitville Road and the other will extend it approximately 13 miles south from Serris Boulevard to Gulf Cove Water Booster Pump Station in Charlotte County; both extensions expected to have a max day capacity of 40 million gallons per day (mgd).

Reclaimed Water – Maximize beneficial use of reclaimed water to offset potable water supplies and restore water levels and natural systems.

Reclaimed water is wastewater that has received at least secondary treatment and disinfection and is used for a beneficial purpose such as irrigation, manufacturing processes, or power generation. By offsetting demand for groundwater and surface water, this AWS source reduces stress on environmental systems, provides economic benefits by delaying costly water system expansions, and reduces the need to discharge wastewater effluent to surface waters. The budget includes \$5.3 million for cooperatively-funded reclaimed water projects which will contribute toward the Governing Board priority for the District to achieve its goal of 75 percent reuse of available wastewater by 2040. These cooperative efforts include the construction of approximately 19,000 feet of reclaimed water mains within the Southern Water Use Caution Area of Manatee County to supply approximately

1,800 single-family residential homes, common areas, and medians with 0.99 mgd of reclaimed water for irrigation, as well as enable future system expansion.

Conservation – Enhance efficiencies in all water-use sectors to ensure beneficial use.

The District's water conservation program has many facets. Approximately \$800,000 is included in the budget for cooperatively-funded or District-initiated water conservation projects and grants involving activities throughout the District. Much of the Adopted Budget for water resource education is directed at water conservation education programs or projects with a conservation component (\$418,492). The District also implements regulatory requirements and incentives to achieve water conservation through its Consumptive Use Permitting (CUP) program, representing \$1.7 million of the \$4 million in the budget.

Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) – A cooperative public-private cost-share reimbursement program to implement agricultural best management practices (BMPs).

The FARMS program serves the entire District and focuses on Upper Floridan aquifer withdrawal savings and water quality, and natural systems improvements in targeted Water Use Caution Areas and priority watersheds by working with producers to implement BMPs to reduce groundwater use and nutrient loading in springsheds. FARMS projects include both reclaimed water and conservation components, representing \$5.8 million of the \$7.3 million in the Adopted Budget for the program. Since inception of the program in 2003, 205 projects are operational with actual groundwater offset totaling 25.6 mgd.

Water Quality \$41,142,293

Assessment and Planning – Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional water quality status and trends to support resource management decisions and restoration initiatives.

The District collects and analyzes water quality data through several monitoring networks and program specific efforts. Major long-term water quality monitoring network efforts include coastal/inland groundwater (\$279,351), springs (\$191,513), rivers/streams and associated biological surveys (\$126,115), Upper Floridan aquifer/springs recharge basins (\$73,244), and lakes (\$38,496). While these monitoring networks support the improvement of water quality, they also provide similar benefits in protecting natural systems. Data is also collected for the District's 12 Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) priority water bodies. The District prepares plans for the protection and restoration of these SWIM water bodies (\$889,749) and provides support for the Coastal and Heartland, Sarasota Bay, and Tampa Bay estuary programs (\$488,511). Although these activities primarily provide a water quality benefit, there are natural systems components as well.

Maintenance and Improvement – Develop and implement programs, projects, and regulations to maintain and improve water quality.

The Adopted Budget includes \$8.6 million for cooperatively-funded and District-initiated stormwater water quality improvement projects, of which \$6.6 million is to the direct benefit of water quality. Some surface water restoration projects provide water quality benefits along with habitat improvement as described below in *Natural Systems* under "Conservation and Restoration." Projects of this nature are implemented through the SWIM, CFI, and land management programs and account for \$348,581 in water quality benefits of the \$8.1 million in the Adopted Budget for surface water restoration.

There are over 200 documented springs within the District. Committed to the State's initiative to protect the health of our unique springs resources, the District plans and implements projects to take an ecosystem-level approach to springs management with emphasis on its five first-magnitude spring

systems: Rainbow, Crystal River/Kings Bay, Homosassa, Chassahowitzka, and Weeki Wachee. In the Adopted Budget is \$18.7 million in support of springs initiatives, of which \$14.8 million is benefitting water quality. Efforts such as shoreline restoration, wetland treatment, beneficial reclaimed water reuse, and septic to sewer conversions (\$14.5 million) all serve to reduce pollutant loading into these aquatic systems.

The FARMS program targets agricultural water conservation and AWS use (see *Water Supply* above) but also provides water quality benefits (\$1.5 million of the \$7.3 million in the Adopted Budget) through improved surface water and groundwater management, particularly in targeted areas such as the Shell, Prairie, and Joshua Creek watersheds. One sector of the program focuses on rehabilitation (back-plugging) of wells to minimize the impact of highly mineralized groundwater (\$42,775). A related effort, the Quality of Water Improvement Program, provides cost-share reimbursement to landowners for the plugging of abandoned wells to reduce inter-aquifer exchange of poor water quality and potential surface water contamination (\$761,148). In addition, the District's regulatory activities include water quality benefits to protect the region's water resources (\$5.1 million).

Flood Protection and Floodplain Management

\$37,227,151

Floodplain Management – Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, and flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decisions and initiatives.

The District's Watershed Management Program is primarily a cooperative effort with local governments to develop a technical understanding of the hydrology of watersheds. The Adopted Budget includes \$7.5 million in cooperatively-funded and District-initiated projects supporting floodplain management for the modeling and planning phase of the program. Among other benefits, the watershed plans contribute to the development of stormwater models and floodplain information that local city and county governments can use to develop more accurate digital flood hazard maps in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Funding is also included in the budget for continuation of a project to capture orthoimagery concurrently with the Statewide/Peninsular Light Detection And Ranging (LiDAR) program (\$161,531). This effort provides high-quality data to be used in support of the District's Watershed Management Program, as well as its Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) program and minimum flow and minimum water level (MFL) determinations.

Maintenance and Improvement – Develop and implement programs, projects, and regulations to maintain and improve flood protection, and operate District flood control and water conservation structures to minimize flood damage while preserving the water resource.

The implementation phase of the Watershed Management Program involves construction of preventive and remedial projects and BMPs to address potential and existing flooding problems. The Adopted Budget includes \$10.8 million for cooperatively-funded and District-initiated projects addressing flood protection BMPs. This includes the final year of funding for a cooperative effort with Manatee County for the design, permitting, and construction of a pipe conveyance system and nutrient baffle box along 59th Avenue East within the Bowlees Creek watershed to reroute stormwater runoff away from an area which has experienced severe flooding. In addition, the District regulates surface water management and floodplain encroachment to minimize flooding impacts from land development through its ERP program, representing \$3.3 million of the \$10.1 million in the Adopted Budget.

The District maintains and operates 86 water control structures and 63 miles of canals to manage water levels and reduce the risk of flooding. All mission critical water control structures are instrumented for remote control to provide cost-efficient operation and improved response time during weather events. Some structures are also equipped with digital video monitoring systems for improved security, safety, and reliability of operations. The Adopted Budget includes \$5.1 million for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of these water management facilities to ensure optimal condition during a major

weather event. Also included is \$2.7 million for the management, maintenance, and improvement of District canals, dam embankments, and culverts; as well as \$186,304 for the management of nuisance aquatic vegetation at these facilities and infrastructure, which can exacerbate flooding if not controlled.

Emergency Flood Response – Provide effective and efficient assistance to state and local governments and the public to minimize flood damage during and after major storm events, including operation of District flood control and water conservation structures.

Through its emergency flood response initiative, the District prepares for, responds to, recovers from, and mitigates the impacts of critical flooding incidents. To ensure adequate preparation, the District has developed an emergency operations program and maintains a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, which provides guidelines for pre-incident preparation, post-incident response and recovery, deployment, and annual exercises. The District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Emergency Operations Organization are critical to incident response. The Adopted Budget includes \$201,993 for the support of the District's EOC. In the event of a disaster, or of an emergency arising to prevent or avert the same, the District's Governing Board is authorized under Section 373.536(4)(d), F.S., to expend available funds not included in the budget for such purposes. The Governing Board would then notify the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Commission as soon as practical but within 30 days of the Governing Board's action.

Natural Systems \$55,850,857

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs) Establishment and Monitoring – Establish and monitor MFLs, and, where necessary, develop and implement recovery/prevention strategies to recover water bodies and prevent significant harm.

The Adopted Budget includes \$1.6 million to support the establishment and evaluation of MFLs, including monitoring, mapping, research, hydrologic and biologic analysis, and peer review. Each year the District updates its priority list and schedule for MFLs and submits the list to the DEP for approval. Several of the District's established MFLs are not currently being met; and, in accordance with Section 373.042, F.S., the District has implemented recovery strategies to return these water bodies to an acceptable hydrologic condition. There is \$1.4 million in the budget for MFL recovery activities, which are also supported by conservation, AWS, indirect data collection, development of groundwater models, watershed management planning, and research. The District's CUP program contributes to MFL recovery with \$1.2 million of the \$4 million in the budget benefitting natural systems, by ensuring that authorized water withdrawals do not exceed the criteria established in Rules 40D-8 and 40D-80, Florida Administrative Code for water bodies with adopted MFLs.

Conservation and Restoration – Restoration and management of natural ecosystems for the benefit of water and water-related resources.

The District develops information through various data collection efforts, including surface water flows and levels (\$3.7 million), seagrass and submerged aquatic vegetation mapping (\$878,607), and wetlands monitoring (\$167,823). While these efforts primarily assist in protecting natural systems, they also provide secondary benefits in other areas of responsibility. Aerial orthoimagery is managed as part of the District's geographic information system which includes a broad assemblage of other geographic data that are used for District purposes and made available to other government agencies and the public. The Adopted Budget includes \$1.2 million for the ongoing management of these spatial data. In addition, the acquisition of this imagery is performed on a three-year cycle and is scheduled to occur in FY2022-23 (\$807,017).

The District manages approximately 452,000 acres of conservation lands for the statutorily-mandated purposes of protecting and restoring their natural condition and where appropriate, providing for compatible recreational uses for the public. Of this total acreage, more than 109,000 acres are

conservation easements. In the Adopted Budget, \$5.9 million is for the District's land management program. This includes activities such as prescribed burning, fencing, exotic plant control, road maintenance, and feral hog control on these properties along with upland restoration where natural conditions have been impacted by historic uses. These restoration efforts maximize the conservation benefit of these upland ecosystems.

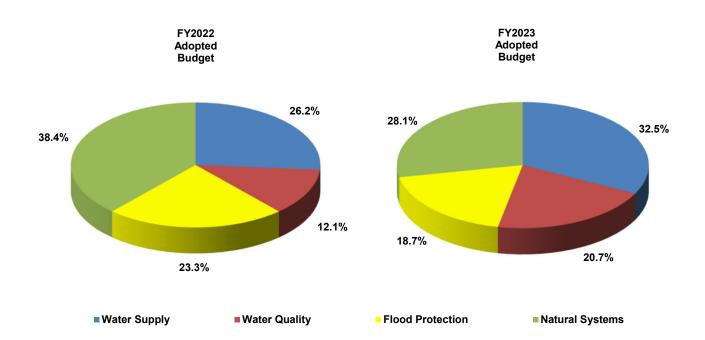
Surface water restoration benefiting natural systems is achieved primarily through the SWIM, CFI, and land management programs (\$7.7 million of the \$8.1 million in the Adopted Budget). The budget includes a cooperative effort with the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast and Sarasota County for the creation and enhancement of approximately 17.9 acres of wetland and upland habitats within the Sarasota Bay watershed, a SWIM priority water body. Natural systems restoration also occurs through District mitigation and ongoing maintenance and monitoring for the Florida Department of Transportation (\$790,410) to offset the adverse wetland impacts of transportation projects. The ERP program ensures that the natural functions of wetlands are protected from the impacts of land development (\$3.3 million of the \$10.1 million in the Adopted Budget).

Mission Support \$12,959,965

Mission Support, also known as Management and Administration, trains and equips District employees to achieve the District's strategic initiatives in a cost-efficient and effective manner. These strategies ensure District operations remain strategically aligned and fiscally responsible. Mission Support (\$9.8 million) includes Executive, General Counsel, Inspector General, Finance, Risk Management, Document Services, Procurement, Human Resources, and Information Technology. In addition, the District pays commissions to the offices of the Property Appraisers and Tax Collectors of each county within the District for services rendered. The Adopted Budget includes \$3.1 million for these commissions which are set by Florida Statutes and are non-negotiable.

BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON BY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

	FY202	2	FY202	3	DIFFERE	NCE
	ADOPTED	% OF	ADOPTED	% OF	INCREASE /	% OF
AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	BUDGET	TOTAL	BUDGET	TOTAL	(DECREASE)	CHANGE
Water Supply	\$48,712,628	26.2%	\$64,502,915	32.5%	\$15,790,287	32.4%
Water Quality	22,589,750	12.1%	41,142,293	20.7%	18,552,543	82.1%
Flood Protection	43,264,531	23.3%	37,227,151	18.7%	(6,037,380)	(14.0%)
Natural Systems	71,291,754	38.4%	55,850,857	28.1%	(15,440,897)	(21.7%)
Total (excluding Mission Support)	\$185,858,663	100.0%	\$198,723,216	100.0%	\$12,864,553	6.9%
Mission Support	\$12,190,784		\$12,959,965		\$769,181	
Total Expenditures	\$198,049,447		\$211,683,181		\$13,633,734	6.9%



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Program and Activity Allocations by Area of Responsibility

Programs and Activities	FY2023 Adopted	Water Supply	Water Quality	Flood Protection	Natural Systems
1.0 - Water Resource Planning and Monitoring	\$33,711,033	\$7,220,727	\$5,156,446	\$11,482,909	\$9,850,951
1.1 - District Water Management Planning	12,880,850				
1.1.1 - Water Supply Planning	810,076				
1.1.2 - Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels	1,624,746				
1.1.3 - Other Water Resources Planning	10,446,028				
1.2 - Research, Data Collection, Analysis & Monitoring	16,508,907				
1.3 - Technical Assistance	1,073,766				
1.5 - Technology & Information Services	3,247,510				
2.0 - Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$115,317,063	\$49,679,694	\$25,823,244	\$10,926,755	\$28,887,370
2.1 - Land Acquisition	15,717,584				
2.2 - Water Source Development	53,717,890				
2.2.1 - Water Resource Development Projects	10,405,826				
2.2.2 - Water Supply Development Assistance	42,550,916				
2.2.3 - Other Water Source Development Activities	761,148				
2.3 - Surface Water Projects	43,776,920				
2.5 - Facilities Construction and Major Renovations	1,036,125				
2.7 - Technology & Information Services	1,068,544				
3.0 - Operation and Maintenance of Works and Lands	\$23,571,594	\$2,518,958	\$2,290,294	\$8,879,086	\$9,883,256
3.1 - Land Management	5,860,175				
3.2 - Works	8,454,606				
3.3 - Facilities	2,986,960				
3.4 - Invasive Plant Control	435,205				
3.5 - Other Operation and Maintenance Activities	201,993				
3.6 - Fleet Services	3,392,705				
3.7 - Technology & Information Services	2,239,950				
4.0 - Regulation	\$23,588,380	\$4,247,848	\$7,235,422	\$5,459,538	\$6,645,572
4.1 - Consumptive Use Permitting	4,040,068				
4.2 - Water Well Construction, Permitting & Contractor Licensing	944,016				
4.3 - Environmental Resource & Surface Water Permitting	10,085,795				
4.4 - Other Regulatory and Enforcement Activities	2,724,074				
4.5 - Technology & Information Services	5,794,427				

Program and Activity Allocations by Area of Responsibility

Programs and Activities	FY2023 Adopted	Water Supply	Water Quality	Flood Protection	Natural Systems
5.0 - Outreach	\$2,535,146	\$835,688	\$636,887	\$478,863	\$583,708
5.1 - Water Resource Education	866,358				
5.2 - Public Information	1,273,207				
5.4 - Lobbying/Legislative Affairs/Cabinet Affairs	100,746				
5.6 - Technology & Information Services	294,835				
SUBTOTAL - Major Programs (excluding Management and Administration)	\$198,723,216	\$64,502,915	\$41,142,293	\$37,227,151	\$55,850,857
6.0 - Management and Administration	\$12,959,965	<u>.</u>			
6.1 - Administrative & Operations Support	9,843,965				
6.1.1 - Executive Direction	1,285,654				
6.1.2 - General Counsel/Legal	842,585				
6.1.3 - Inspector General	244,329				
6.1.4 - Administrative Support	3,951,598				
6.1.6 - Procurement/Contract Administration	1,017,341				
6.1.7 - Human Resources	1,247,159				
6.1.9 - Technology & Information Services	1,255,299				
6.4 - Other (Tax Collector/Property Appraiser Fees)	3,116,000				
Total Expenditures:	\$211,683,181				

H. Adoption of Final Millage Rate and Budget Resolutions SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 22-14

ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND CERTIFICATION OF LEVY TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) by authority of Article VII, Section 9(b) of the Florida Constitution, and Chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, as amended, is authorized to levy ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the District; and

WHEREAS, the ensuing fiscal year of the District shall extend the period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District has determined that a District millage rate as provided for in Sections 200.065, 373.503 and 373.536, Florida Statutes, is necessary to provide funds for the budgeted expenditures of the District for fiscal year 2023 and should be levied in the amount set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, notices of proposed property taxes, advising of date, time, and place of the first public budget hearing, were prepared and mailed, pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, by the county property appraisers of each county within the District; and

WHEREAS, the first public hearing on the tentative millage rate and budget was begun by the Governing Board of the District at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on September 6, 2022, commencing at 5:01 p.m. as provided in the notice; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office of the Governor has reviewed and approved the District's fiscal year 2023 budget pursuant to Section 373.536(5), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the notice of hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2023, and the adjacent notice meeting the budget summary requirements of Sections 129.03(3)(b) and 373.536(3)(d), Florida Statutes, were duly published, during the period beginning September 15, 2022, and ending September 18, 2022, pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, in newspapers of general circulation in each county within the District; and

WHEREAS, the second public hearing on the final budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on September 20, 2022, commencing at 5:01 p.m. as provided in the notice, and at which the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate, the percentage of increase over the rolled-back rate, and the millage rate to be levied were publicly announced, and the general public was allowed to ask questions and speak prior to the adoption of any measures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOL\		Governing	Board of	of the Southwest	Florida	Water
Management District by a vote of .	10	_ in favor, _	0	against and	0	not
present:						

That there is adopted and levied a millage rate, as provided for in Sections 373.503 and 373.536, Florida Statutes, at the rolled-back rate and at less than the maximum millage rate established by Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, for fiscal year 2023, to be assessed on the tax rolls for the year 2022, for the purpose of levying a uniform ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the counties within the District as certified by the county property appraisers pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, excluding lands held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to the extent specified in Section 373.543, Florida Statutes, as follows:

Taxing Authority	Rolled-Back <u>Rate</u>	Percentage of Increase Over Rolled-Back Rate	Final Millage <u>Rate</u>	Counties Applied To
Southwest Florida Water Management District	0.2260	0%	0.2260	Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Sumter

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this twentieth day of September, 2022, by the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Bv.

Joel Schleicher, Chair

Attest:

Michelle Williamson, Secretary

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II. Budget Highlights CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION NO. 22-14

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we are, Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Florida, and having its office and place of business at 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, and that, on the twentieth day of September, 2022, at a duly called and properly held hearing of the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, at which hearing a majority of the members of the Governing Board were present in person or via communications media technology, the resolution, which is attached hereto and which this certificate is a part thereof, was adopted and incorporated in the minutes of that hearing.

Dated at Tampa, Florida, this twentieth day of September, 2022.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Bv:

Joel Schleicher, Chair

Attest:

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 22-15

ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, Chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, as amended, require that the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) adopt a final budget for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District, after careful consideration and study, has caused to be prepared a final budget, including all items that are necessary and proper as provided by law for the District, for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, as provided for in Sections 200.065, 218.33 and 373.536, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District assigns a portion of the fund balance for commitments under contract for goods and services which remain uncompleted as of September 30, 2022, to be reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District assigns a portion of the fund balance to carry forward as designated by the Governing Board as of September 30, 2022, to be reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District assigns a portion of the fund balance to carry forward as designated by management in accordance with the Governing Board Fund Balance Policy as of September 30, 2022, to be reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District has designated fund balance in accordance with the Governing Board Fund Balance Policy that will not be appropriated for expenditure in the fiscal year 2023 budget. These balances totaling an estimated \$207,423,443, are classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, and assigned. Consistent with Governing Board Fund Balance Policy, the amounts committed for the Economic Stabilization Fund need to be reset each year through the budget resolution; and

WHEREAS, notices of proposed property taxes, advising of date, time, and place of the first public budget hearing, were prepared and mailed, pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, by the county property appraisers of each county within the District; and

WHEREAS, the first public hearing on the tentative millage rate and budget was begun by the Governing Board of the District at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on September 6, 2022, commencing at 5:01 p.m. as provided in the notice; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office of the Governor has reviewed and approved the District's fiscal year 2023 budget pursuant to Section 373.536(5), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the notice of hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2023, and the adjacent notice meeting the budget summary requirements of Sections 129.03(3)(b) and 373.536(3)(d), Florida Statutes, were duly published, during the period beginning September 15, 2022 and ending September 18, 2022, pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, in newspapers of general circulation in each county within the District; and

WHEREAS, the second public hearing on the final budget was held by the Governing Board of the District at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on September 20, 2022, commencing at 5:01 p.m. as provided in the notice; and at which the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate, the percentage of increase over the rolled-back rate, and the millage rate to be levied were publicly announced, and the general public was allowed to ask questions and speak prior to the adoption of any measures; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District, prior to adopting a final budget, has adopted Resolution No. 22-14, Adoption of Final Millage Rate and Certification of Levy to the County Property Appraisers for Fiscal Year 2023, which established the final millage levy for fiscal year 2023 as provided for in Sections 200.065, 373.503 and 373.536, Florida Statutes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District:

- 1. That the attached budget is hereby adopted as the budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, as the operating and fiscal guide of the District.
- That funds committed under contract for goods and services which remain uncompleted as of September 30, 2022, shall not lapse, but shall be automatically reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, as well as the source of funds anticipated to be used in completing these commitments.
- 3. That funds carried forward as designated by the Governing Board as of September 30, 2022, shall not lapse, but shall be automatically reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, as well as the source of funds anticipated to support these designations.
- 4. That funds carried forward as designated by management in accordance with the Governing Board Fund Balance Policy as of September 30, 2022, shall not lapse, but shall be automatically reappropriated and incorporated into the final budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, as well as the source of funds anticipated to support these designations.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District:

5. That the committed fund balance for the Economic Stabilization Fund is reset at \$35,000,000 as of September 30, 2022, equal to two months of the operating expenditures based on the fiscal year 2023 final budget consistent with the Governing Board Fund Balance Policy.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Southwest Florida Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2023

I. ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		\$31,971,905	\$0	\$10,834,000	\$42,805,905
ESTIMATED REVENUES					
AD VALOREM TAXES OTHER REVENUES	0.2260	\$122,549,760		\$0	\$122,549,760
Permit and License Fees		2,256,857			2,256,857
Intergovernmental Revenue		36,840,460	\$784,899		37,625,359
Interest Earnings Other		5,800,000			5,800,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	•	645,300 \$168,092,377	\$784,899	\$0	645,300 \$168,877,276
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES		\$200,064,282	\$784,899	\$10,834,000	\$211,683,181
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FUND BALANCE ASSIGNED FOR ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES		195,918,996	850,096	5,843,737	202,612,829
FUND BALANCE/RESERVES					
FOR FUTURE PROJECTS		198,694,058	0	8,729,385	207,423,443
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND					
BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS		\$594,677,336	\$1,634,995	\$25,407,122	\$621,719,453
II. EXPENDITURES					
WATER RESOURCE PLANNING & MONITORING		\$33,711,033			\$33,711,033
LAND ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		103,698,164	\$784,899	\$10,834,000	115,317,063
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WORKS & LANDS		23,571,594			23,571,594
REGULATION		23,588,380			23,588,380
OUTREACH		2,535,146			2,535,146
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		9,843,965			9,843,965
COMMISSIONS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES		3,116,000 \$200,064,282	\$784,899	\$10,834,000	3,116,000 \$211,683,181
ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES		195,918,996	850,096	5,843,737	202,612,829
(Carried forward and appropriated in fiscal year 2023)		100,010,000	000,000	3,043,131	202,012,023
TOTAL ESTIMATED MODIFIED BUDGET		\$395,983,278	\$1,634,995	\$16,677,737	\$414,296,010
FUND BALANCE/RESERVES					
FOR FUTURE PROJECTS (not appropriated)		198,694,058	0	8,729,385	207,423,443
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND					
BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS	•	\$594,677,336	\$1,634,995	\$25,407,122	\$621,719,453

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this twentieth day of September 2022, by the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Bv:

Joel Schleicher, Chair

Attest:

Michelle Williamson, Secretary

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION NO. 22-15

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we are, Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Florida, and having its office and place of business at 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, and that, on the twentieth day of September, 2022, at a duly called and properly held hearing of the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, at the Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, at which hearing a majority of the members of the Governing Board were present in person or via communications media technology, the resolution, which is attached hereto and which this certificate is a part thereof, was adopted and incorporated in the minutes of that hearing.

Dated at Tampa, Florida, this twentieth day of September 2022.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By:

Íoel Schleicher, Chair

Attest:

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A. Budget by Expenditure Category Schedules

The following schedules detail the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Adopted Budget by expenditure category, previously summarized in *Section II. Budget Highlights*. These schedules are intended to show staff's approach to pursue actions that further the District's mission and maintain the level of service outlined in the District's Strategic Plan. The Operating Budget identifies the fiscal requirements necessary to support continued management and protection of our region's water resources while addressing evolving challenges through the Project Budget. The Operating Budget schedules provide two-year budget comparisons, whereas the Project Budget schedules provide the budgeted and anticipated future funding requirements of each project.

B. Workforce and Salaries & Benefits

Workfo	rce			
Organizational Unit	Adopted FY2022	Adopted FY2023	Change From FY2022	Percent Change From FY2022
Executive	7	7	0	0.0%
General Counsel	14	14	0	0.0%
Inspector General	1	1	0	0.0%
Resource Management				
Natural Systems & Restoration	45	41	(4)	(8.9%)
Water Resources	45	25	(20)	(44.4%)
Engineering & Project Management	7	27	20	285.7%
Total Resource Management:	97	93	(4)	(4.1%)
Operations, Lands & Resource Monitoring				
Operations	57	56	(1)	(1.8%)
Data Collection	78	77	(1)	(1.3%)
Land Resources	22	22	0	0.0%
Total Operations, Lands & Resource Monitoring:	157	155	(2)	(1.3%)
Regulation				
Environmental Resource Permit	51	64	13	25.5%
Water Use Permit	33	34	1	3.0%
Regulatory Support	53	53	0	0.0%
Total Regulation:	137	151	14	10.2%
Employee, Outreach & General Services				
Ombudsman	1	1	0	0.0%
Government & Community Affairs	8	8	0	0.0%
Human Resources	10	11	1	10.0%
General Services	0	45	45	N/A
Communications & Board Services	20	20	0	0.0%
Total Employee, Outreach & General Services:	39	85	46	117.9%
Business & Information Technology Services				
Information Technology	48	48	0	0.0%
General Services	45	0	(45)	N/A
Finance	21	21	0	0.0%
Procurement Services	8	8	0	0.0%
Total Business & Information Technology Services:	122	77	(45)	(36.9%)
Total Workforce	574	583	9	1.6%

Salaries & Benefits									
Category	Adopted FY2022	Adopted FY2023	Change From FY2022	Percent Change From FY2022					
Regular Salaries and Wages	\$36,568,032	\$39,535,272	\$2,967,240	8.1%					
Student Internship Program	432,032	537,783	105,751	24.5%					
Overtime	197,500	171,000	(26,500)	(13.4%)					
Employer Paid FICA Taxes	2,830,497	3,065,576	235,079	8.3%					
Retirement	4,453,237	5,153,838	700,601	15.7%					
Self-Funded Medical	9,943,474	10,305,891	362,417	3.6%					
Non-Medical Insurance Premiums	515,970	637,381	121,411	23.5%					
Workers' Compensation	333,500	275,500	(58,000)	(17.4%)					
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$55,274,242	\$59,682,241	\$4,407,999	8.0%					

C. Operating Expenses

Category	Adopted FY2022	Adopted FY2023	Change From FY2022	Percent Change From FY2022	Cumulative
Software Licensing and Maintenance	\$3,345,802	\$4,107,477	\$761,675	22.8%	Percent 24.70%
Property Tax Commissions	3,090,000	3.090.000	0	0.0%	43.28%
Maintenance and Repair of Buildings and Structures	1,272,400	1,210,900	(61,500)	(4.8%)	50.57%
Parts and Supplies	1,096,387	1,064,157	(32,230)	(2.9%)	56.97%
Fuels and Lubricants	562,500	800,000	237,500	42.2%	61.78%
Insurance and Bonds	837,398	768,675	(68,723)	(8.2%)	66.40%
Maintenance and Repair of Equipment	649,052	762,442	113,390	17.5%	70.98%
Utilities	775,300	726,900	(48,400)	(6.2%)	75.36%
Non-Capital Equipment	1,036,266	598,405	(437,861)	(42.3%)	78.95%
Travel - Staff Duties and Training	612,183	544,110	(68,073)	(11.1%)	82.23%
Telephone and Communications	505,860	504,259	(1,601)	(0.3%)	85.26%
Printing and Reproduction	249,611	267,111	17,500	7.0%	86.87%
Janitorial Services	303,000	266,000	(37,000)	(12.2%)	88.47%
Rental of Other Equipment	219,930	227,941	8,011	3.6%	89.84%
Postage and Courier Services	142,000	160,000	18,000	12.7%	90.80%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	134,000	134.000	0	0.0%	91.60%
Tires and Tubes	105,000	100,000	(5,000)	(4.8%)	92.21%
District Land Maintenance Materials	141,500	95,000	(46,500)	(32.9%)	92.78%
Employee Awards and Activities	94,015	90.000	(4,015)	(4.3%)	93.32%
Tuition Reimbursement	90,000	90,000	(1,510)	0.0%	93.86%
Fees Associated with Financial Activities	76,000	87,000	11,000	14.5%	94.38%
Chemical Supplies	82.350	82,500	150	0.2%	94.88%
Advertising and Public Notices	105,450	81,650	(23,800)	(22.6%)	95.37%
Books, Subscriptions and Data	78,538	79,606	1,068	1.4%	95.85%
Micro/Digital Imaging Services	58,000	78,000	20,000	34.5%	96.32%
Memberships and Dues	70,492	71,334	842	1.2%	96.75%
Laboratory Supplies & Sampling	63,000	63,000	0	0.0%	97.13%
Lease of Inside Equipment	0	60,405	60,405	N/A	97.49%
Safety Supplies	91,850	53,650	(38,200)	(41.6%)	97.81%
Uniform Program	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%	98.11%
Lease of Tower Space	46,968	48,337	1,369	2.9%	98.40%
Office Supplies	55,310	44,560	(10,750)	(19.4%)	98.67%
Education Support	47,060	42,060	(5,000)	(10.6%)	98.92%
Lease of Buildings	32,574	32,574	0	0.0%	99.12%
Recording and Court Costs	29,350	31,850	2,500	8.5%	99.31%
Miscellaneous Permits and Fees	27,450	29,700	2,250	8.2%	99.49%
Professional Licenses	20,689	26,529	5,840	28.2%	99.65%
Taxes	22,250	20,250	(2,000)	(9.0%)	99.77%
Moving Expenses	7,500	14,000	6,500	86.7%	99.85%
Rental of Buildings and Properties	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%	99.91%
Promotions	5,995	5,995	0	0.0%	99.95%
Public Meetings	3,739	3,650	(89)	(2.4%)	99.97%
Vehicle Registrations and Fees	4,000	2,500	(1,500)	(37.5%)	99.99%
Central Garage Charges for Reimbursable Programs	3,500	2,000	(1,500)	(42.9%)	100.00%
Total	\$16,254,269	\$16,628,527	\$374,258	, ,	

D. Contracted Services for Operational Support & Maintenance

				Percent	
	Adopted	Adopted	Change From	Change From	Cumulative
Category	FY2022	FY2023	FY2022	FY2022	Percent
Research, Data Collection, Analysis & Monitoring	\$2,841,030	\$3,282,660	\$441,630	15.5%	31.85%
Land Management and Use	1,373,191	1,713,821	340,630	24.8%	48.47%
Technology and Information Services	1,337,400	1,365,825	28,425	2.1%	61.72%
Works of the District (i.e., structures, canals, dams, culverts)	780,500	1,265,500	485,000	62.1%	74.00%
Regulation Permitting	391,307	598,875	207,568	53.0%	79.81%
Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs)	1,419,500	415,500	(1,004,000)	(70.7%)	83.84%
Watershed Management Planning	500,000	400,000	(100,000)	(20.0%)	87.72%
Human Resources	184,000	183,000	(1,000)	(0.5%)	89.50%
Legal Services	180,000	180,000	0	0.0%	91.24%
Water Supply Planning	129,000	179,000	50,000	38.8%	92.98%
Financial Services	152,500	149,500	(3,000)	(2.0%)	94.43%
Procurement/Contract Administration	60,000	135,000	75,000	125.0%	95.74%
Emergency Management	94,500	109,200	14,700	15.6%	96.80%
Independent Annual Financial Audit	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%	97.77%
Public Information	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%	98.26%
Invasive Plant Control	40,000	35,000	(5,000)	(12.5%)	98.60%
Risk Management	33,500	32,000	(1,500)	(4.5%)	98.91%
Inspector General Auditing Assistance	30,000	30,000	0	0.0%	99.20%
Board and Executive Services	35,200	25,000	(10,200)	(29.0%)	99.44%
Facility Operations and Maintenance	22,750	22,750	0	0.0%	99.66%
Lobbying and Legislative Support	20,000	20,000	0	0.0%	99.85%
Project Management Support	10,500	9,000	(1,500)	(14.3%)	99.94%
Real Estate Services	23,500	6,000	(17,500)	(74.5%)	100.00%
Total	\$9,808,378	\$10,307,631	\$499,253	5.1%	

E. Operating Capital Outlay

Category	Adopted FY2022	Adopted FY2023	Change From FY2022	Percent Change From FY2022
Information Technology Equipment (1)	\$65,000	\$210,400	\$145,400	223.7%
Inside Equipment excluding Information Technology (2)	65,900	270,000	204,100	309.7%
Outside Equipment (3)	156,265	27,400	(128,865)	(82.5%)
Capital Lease/Financed Equipment (4)	472,433	234,437	(237,996)	(50.4%)
Vehicles (5)	682,998	729,000	46,002	6.7%
Capital Field Equipment Fund (6)	700,000	800,000	100,000	14.3%
Total	\$2,142,596	\$2,271,237	\$128,641	6.0%
	Y2023 Line Item Detail			
(1) Information Technology Equipment	Functional Area		Quantity	Amount
Enterprise Servers	Information Technolo	ogy	N/A	\$80,000
Tampa Data Center Backup Recovery Hardware	Information Technolo	ogy	N/A	110,000
Large Format Scanner for Electronic File Storage	Document Services		Replacement - 3	20,400
	Total	Information Tech	nology Equipment:	\$210,400
(2) Inside Equipment excluding Information Technology	Functional Area		Quantity	Amount
Boardroom Audio/Video System	Board & Executive Se	ervices	Replacement - 1	\$270,000
	Total Inside Equipment	t excluding Inforn	nation Technology:	\$270,000
(3) Outside Equipment	Functional Area		Quantity	Amount
Plastic Sphere Dispenser/Aerial Ignition Machine	Land Management		New - 1	\$15,000
Portable Generator	Water Quality Monito	oring Program	Replacement - 1	6,200
Data Collection Field Controller	Survey		Replacement - 1	6,200
		Total C	utside Equipment:	\$27,400
(4) Capital Lease/Financed Equipment			_	Amount
Network Infrastructure Equipment (Year 5 of 5)				\$111,928
Five Heavy Equipment Transport Trucks (Year 5 of 6)				97,240
Unstructured Data Storage Equipment (Year 4 of 5)				25,269
	Total	Capital Lease/Fir	nanced Equipment:	\$234,437
(5) Vehicles			Quantity	Amount
The District's criteria meets or exceeds the Department of Mar	nagement Services vehic	cle replacement gu	idelines. At minimum	, to qualify for
replacement, a vehicle must meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria: - Mileage exceeds 150,000,				
- Maintenance and repair costs exceeds 40 percent of acc	guisition cost, or			

- Years in service exceeds 10

The procurement of vehicles in excess of **12** units or additional funds required in excess of the budget of **\$729,000** are subject to adhering to the *Budget Authority Transfer of Funds* Governing Board Policy.

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		Total Vehicles:	Replacement - 12	\$729,000

FY2023 Line Item Detail (cont'd)

(6) Capital Field Equipment Fund

The Capital Field Equipment Fund (CFEF) administers the acquisition, replacement, enhancement or reconditioning of District field equipment. The purpose of this fund is to manage these capitalized expenditures in a way that allows the District to conduct its business efficiently and effectively.

To qualify as a CFEF expenditure, the field equipment must meet the following criteria:

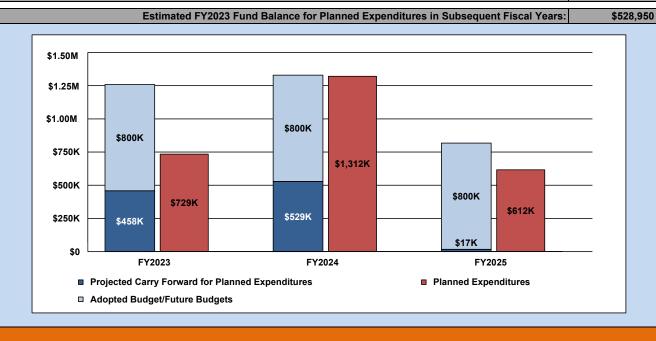
- Rolling stock (excluding vehicles less than 1.5 tons),
- Total estimated cost equal to or greater than \$5,000 including delivery, and
- Anticipated useful life of at least five years

Note: Attachments and modifications to equipment/vehicles greater than 1.5 ton can be included as a CFEF expenditure.

Each fiscal year-end, the District requests the Governing Board to approve the carry forward of remaining funds into the subsequent fiscal year and planned expenditures to occur in that fiscal year. Unplanned expenditures from the CFEF are subject to adhering to the *Budget Authority Transfer of Funds* Governing Board Policy.

Estimated FY2022 Fund Balance to Carry Forward into FY2023 \$458,350 Adopted FY2023 Budget \$800,000 Total FY2023 Estimated CFEF Resources: \$1,258,350 Planned Expenditures Functional Area Quantity Amount Forestry Skidder/Forester Field Operations Replacement - 1 \$345,000 Agricultural Tractor Field Operations Replacement - 1 110,000

Planned Expenditures	Functional Area	Quantity	Amount
Forestry Skidder/Forester	Field Operations	Replacement - 1	\$345,000
Agricultural Tractor	Field Operations	Replacement - 1	110,000
Excavator	Field Operations	Replacement - 1	98,400
Skiff	Water Quality Monitoring Program	Replacement - 1	40,000
Construction Trailer	Field Operations	Replacement - 2	30,000
Skiff	Surface Water Improvement & Mgmt.	Replacement - 1	27,500
Commercial Mower	Facilities	Replacement - 2	26,000
Commercial Mower	Field Operations	Replacement - 2	26,000
Enclosed Trailer	Field Operations	Replacement - 2	16,000
All-Terrain Vehicle	Land Management	Replacement - 1	10,500
	Total Pla	nned Expenditures:	\$729 400



F. Contracted Services for District Projects

		FY2023	Total
		Adopted	Future
•	Project Name	Budget	Funding
	Sody Protection & Restoration Planning		
W020	Tampa Bay Protection & Restoration Planning	\$90,000	Annual
W420	Rainbow River Protection & Restoration Planning	50,000	Request Annual
			Request
W451	Crystal River/Kings Bay Protection & Restoration Planning	50,000	Annual
W501	Charlotte Harbor Protection & Restoration Planning	90,000	Request Annual
		·	Request
W601	Sarasota Bay Protection & Restoration Planning	190,000	Annual Reguest
WC01	Chassahowitzka Springs Protection & Restoration Planning	50,000	Annual
14/1104		50.000	Request
WH01	Homosassa Springs Protection & Restoration Planning	50,000	Annual Reguest
WW01	Weeki Wachee Springs Protection & Restoration Planning	50,000	Annual
	Total Water Deads Deads of the Object of the District	****	Request
	Total Water Body Protection & Restoration Planning:	\$620,000	\$0
Watersl	ned Management Planning		
P239	Itchepackesassa Creek Watershed Management Plan	\$200,000	\$200,000
Dooo		400,000	A
P283	Watershed Management Program Technical Support	100,000	Annual Request
	Total Watershed Management Planning:	\$300,000	\$200,000
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	Water Levels Data		
P623	Southern Water Use Caution Area/Most Impacted Area Saltwater Intrusion Model	\$110,000	\$0
	Total Ground Water Levels Data:	\$110,000	\$0
Surface	Water Flows & Levels Data		
P244	Recharge & Evapotranspiration Districtwide Surface Water Model Update	\$50,000	\$0
P306	Crystal River/Kings Bay Model Development	300,000	0
P307	Rainbow River Model Development	250,000	200,000
D074		25.222	
P371	Lake Level Model Development	65,000	0
	Total Surface Water Flows & Levels Data:	\$665,000	\$200,000
Meteori	ogic/Geologic/Biologic Data		
C005	Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling Program	\$54,225	Annual
	Addition Explored and monitor from Diffining Frogram	ΨΟΨ,ΖΖΟ	Request
C007	Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling Program within the Central Florida Water Initiative	130,513	Annual
P088	Central Florida Water Initiative Data, Monitoring and Investigations Team Technical Support	65,000	Request Annual
			Request
WS01	Springs Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Mapping and Evaluation	250,000	Annual
	Total Meteorlogic/Geologic/Biologic Data:	\$499,738	Request \$0
Mannin	g & Survey Control		
B089	Districtwide Aerial Orthophoto Mapping	\$775,000	Annual
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B219	Land Use/Land Cover Mapping Based on Aerial Orthophoto Maps	190,000	Annual
	Total Mapping & Survey Control:	\$965,000	Request \$0
	Total Mapping & Survey Control.	φ305,000	40

Project	Project Name	FY2023 Adopted Budget	Total Future Funding
-	& Assessments	Dauget	runung
B147	Determination of Water Use for Residential Irrigation Wells	\$25,000	\$0
	Total Studies & Assessments:	\$25,000	\$0
Institute	of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) Research		
B136	Florida Auto Weather Network Data and Education	\$100,000	Annual Request
B423	Micro-Irrigation Options to Reduce Irrigation During Strawberry Crop Establishment and Frost Protection	101,181	0
B424	Water-Nutrient Smart Production Systems with Compact Bed Geometry Technology: Water, Production and Economics	50,000	249,000
B425	Topdressing Lawns for Reduced Irrigation	35,000	23,000
	Total Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) Research:	\$286,181	\$272,000
Land Ac	cquisition		
SZ00	Surplus Lands Assessment Program	\$67,500	Annual Request
	Total Land Acquisition:	\$67,500	\$0
Aquifer	Storage & Recovery Feasibility and Pilot Testing		
P189	Aquifer Recharge Testing at Flatford Swamp	\$250,000	\$250,000
	Total Aquifer Storage & Recovery Feasibility and Pilot Testing:	\$250,000	\$250,000
Facilitat	ing Agricultural Resource Management Systems		
P429	FARMS Meter Accuracy Support	\$12,500	Annual Request
	Total Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems:	\$12,500	\$0
Minimur	m Flows and Minimum Water Levels Recovery		
H400	Lower Hillsborough River Recovery Strategy Implementation	\$230,000	Annual Reguest
H404	Lower Hillsborough River Recovery Strategy Morris Bridge Sink	135,000	Annual Request
	Total Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels Recovery:	\$365,000	\$0
Conserv	vation Rebates and Retrofits		
P964	Water Use Evaluations for Non-Agricultural Users	\$75,000	Annual Request
	Total Conservation Rebates and Retrofits:	\$75,000	\$0
Water S	upply Development Assistance Support		
P542	Evaluation of Metrics for Cooperative Funding Initiative Projects	\$89,000	Annual Request
	Total Water Supply Development Assistance Support:	\$89,000	\$0
Quality	of Water Improvement Program - Well Plugging		
B099	Quality of Water Improvement Program (QWIP)	\$25,000	Annual Request
	Total Quality of Water Improvement Program - Well Plugging:	\$25,000	\$0
Stormw	ater Improvements – Water Quality		
H014	Lake Hancock Outfall Treatment System	\$18,000	Annual Request
	Total Stormwater Improvements – Water Quality:	\$18,000	\$0

Project Project Name	FY2023 Adopted Budget	Total Future Funding
Restoration Initiatives		_
P380 Restoration Project Site Assessments	\$100,000	Annual Reguest
SA68 Terra Ceia Huber Restoration Establishment	50,000	100,000
SA81 Rock Ponds Restoration Establishment	220,000	440,000
SB05 Myakka River Deer Prairie Creek Preserve Wetland Restoration	1,000,000	0
W204 Cypress Creek Hydrologic Restoration and Upland Enhancement	100,000	0
W308 Little Manatee River Corridor: Area 7 Restoration	550,000	0
W312 Tampa Bay Habitat Restoration Regional Coordination	40,000	Annual
W352 Frog Creek Wetland Restoration at Terra Ceia	2,500,000	Request 0
W401 Red Fish Hole Restoration	150,000	0
W431 Three Sisters Canal Shoreline Stabilization Feasibility Study & Construction	809,000	0
WW08 Weeki Wachee Sediment Management Structures	800,000	0
Total Restoration Initiatives:	\$6,319,000	\$540,000
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mitigation		
D040 FDOT Mitigation Maintenance & Monitoring	\$651,000	Annual Reguest
D999 FDOT Mitigation Program Development, Planning & Support	50,000	Annual Request
Total Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mitigation:	\$701,000	\$0
Land Management & Use		
SA89 Rainbow Springs Ground Cover Restoration	\$50,000	\$0
SD33 Halpata Ground Cover Restoration	50,000	0
SI04 Green Swamp Road & Culvert Replacement	75,000	0
SK09 Serenova - Ridge Road Extension	50,000	0
SL99 USDA Old World Climbing Fern Bio-control	80,000	160,000
Total Land Management & Use:	\$305,000	\$160,000
Structure Operation & Maintenance		
B883 Flood Control Structures Deficiencies Restoration Program	\$800,000	\$4,700,000
B886 Sawgrass Lake Flood Control Structure Rehabilitation	25,000	150,000
B888 Engineering Services for Water Control Structures	500,000	Annual Request
Total Structure Operation & Maintenance:	\$1,325,000	\$4,850,000
Works of the District		
B833 Tampa Bypass Canal Culvert Replacement	\$200,000	\$600,000
Total Works of the District:	\$200,000	\$600,000

		FY2023	Total
		Adopted	Future
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Project	Project Name	Budget	Funding
Water U	se Permitting		
P243	Districtwide Regulation Model Steady State & Transient Calibrations	\$60,000	\$0
P443	Dover/Plant City Automatic Meter Reading Program	113,485	113,485
	Total Water Use Permitting:	\$173,485	\$113,485
Water R	esource Education		
B277	Florida Water Star Builder Conservation Education Program	\$32,302	Annual
			Request
P259	Youth Water Resources Education Program	18,525	Annual
			Request
P268	Public Water Resources Education Program	5,000	Annual
			Request
P269	Conservation Education Program	30,000	Annual
			Request
W466	Springs Protection Outreach Program	30,000	Annual
			Request
	Total Water Resource Education:	\$115,827	\$0
	Total Contracted Services for District Projects:	\$13,512,231	\$7,185,485

G. Cooperative Funding and District Grants

				FY2023	Adopted Dist	rict Share by	Region	FY20:	23 Adopted Bu		Total
Project	Cooperator	Project Name	Priority	Heartland	Northern	Southern	Tampa Bay	District	Outside Revenue	Total Budget	Future Funding
	rative Funding I										
Q313	PRMRWSA	Interconnects - PRMRWSA Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 3C	AWS	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$24,050,000
Q355	PRMRWSA	Interconnects - PRMRWSA Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 2B	AWS	-	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	34,650,000
Q146	TBW	Interconnects - Tampa Bay Water Southern Hillsborough Co. Booster Pump Station	AWS	-	-	-	2,550,000	2,550,000	-	2,550,000	-
Q241	TBW	Interconnects - TBW Southern Hillsborough County Transmission Expansion	AWS	-	-	-	2,900,000	2,900,000	-	2,900,000	137,694,793
		Total AWS Priority Projects:		\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$5,450,000	\$9,450,000	\$0	\$9,450,000	\$196,394,793
Q181	FDEP	WMP - Highlands Hammock State Park/Little Charlie Bowlegs WMP	1A	\$97,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$97,500	\$97,500	\$195,000	\$0
Q271	Winter Haven	Reclaimed - Winter Haven Preserve at Lake Ashton Reclaimed Water Transmission	1A	910,000	-	-	-	910,000	-	910,000	-
Q298	Highlands Co	SW IMP - Water Quality - Lake June-in-Winter Catfish Creek BMPs	1A	78,750	-	-	-	78,750	-	78,750	-
Q167	Citrus Co	WMP - Red Level Watershed Management Plan	1A	-	75,000	-	-	75,000	75,000	150,000	-
Q207	Marion Co	WMP - West Ocala Watershed Management Plan Update	1A	-	111,000	-	-	111,000	111,000	222,000	-
Q230	Marion Co	WMP - Gum Swamp & Big Jones Creek Watershed Management Plan Update	1A	-	126,875	-	-	126,875	126,875	253,750	253,750
Q231	Marion Co	WMP - Rainbow River Watershed Management Plan Update	1A	-	205,000	-	-	205,000	205,000	410,000	410,200
N786	Sarasota Co	SW IMP - Water Quality - Dona Bay Surface Water Storage Facility	1A	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-
Q050	Venice	ASR - City of Venice Reclaimed Water ASR	1A	-	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000	212,376
Q157	Bradenton	SW IMP - Flood Protection - City of Bradenton Village of the Arts South Drainage Improvements	1A	-	-	772,559	-	772,559	-	772,559	-
Q160	Sarasota Co	Reclaimed - Sarasota Co Honore Ave Reclaimed Water Transmission	1A	-	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-
Q234	Manatee Co	SW IMP - Flood Protection - Bowlees Creek Pennsylvania Avenue Flow Diversion System	1A	-	-	900,236	-	900,236	-	900,236	-
W105	Holmes Bch	SW IMP - Water Quality - Central Holmes Beach BMPs - Phases F, G, and H	1A	-	-	256,250	-	256,250	-	256,250	256,250
N865	Pasco Co	SW IMP - Flood Protection - Magnolia Valley Storage and Wetland Enhancement	1A	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	-	200,000	3,538,450

				FY2023 Adopted District Share by Region FY2023 Adopted Budget			udget	Total			
			,						Outside	Total	Future
Project	Cooperator	Project Name	Priority	Heartland	Northern	Southern	Tampa Bay	District	Revenue	Budget	Funding
Coope	rative Funding Pi	<u>rojects</u>									
Q336	Pinellas Co	Study - McKay Creek Operable Lake Controls Feasibility Study	CFI			-	100,000	100,000	-	100,000	-
Q337	Hillsborough Co	WMP - Hillsborough County Watershed BMP Alternatives Analysis	CFI	-	-	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000	500,000
Q338	Hillsborough Co	WMP - Hillsborough County Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Updates	CFI	-	-	-	375,000	375,000	-	375,000	-
Q339	Hillsborough Co	Study - Crosstown Bypass Feasibility Study	CFI	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	-
Q340	Safety Harbor	WMP - City of Safety Harbor Watershed Management Plan	CFI	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	75,000
Q341	Indian Rocks Bch	SW IMP - Water Quality - Indian Rocks Beach 2nd St and 16th Ave BMPs	CFI	-	-	-	197,500	197,500	-	197,500	-
Q353	Pinellas Co	Study - Pinellas Co Southcross Reclaimed Water Expansion/Surface Aug Study	CFI	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	-	200,000	-
W024	TBEP	FY2023 Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund	CFI	-	-	-	350,000	350,000	-	350,000	-
		Total CFI Priority Projects:		\$447,500	\$639,250	\$5,883,826	\$6,346,000	\$13,316,576	\$1,596,750	\$14,913,326	\$9,176,750
		Total Cooperative Funding Projects:		\$1,533,750	\$1,157,125	\$16,012,871	\$21,787,688	\$40,491,434	\$2,212,125	\$42,703,559	\$211,367,569

Project F	Project Name	FY2023 Adopted Budget	Total Future Funding
District (<u>Grants</u>		
Water Bo	dy Protection & Restoration Planning		
	Tampa Bay Estuary Program - Comprehensive Management Plan Development and Implementation	\$202,505	\$607,515
[Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership - Comprehensive Management Plan Development and Implementation	130,000	Annual Request
	Sarasota Bay Estuary Program - Comprehensive Management Plan Development and Implementation	133,000	133,000
	Total Water Body Protection & Restoration Planning:	\$465,505	\$740,515
Facilitatin	ng Agricultural Resource Management Systems		
H015 \	Wells with Poor Water Quality in the Southern Water Use Caution Area Back-Plugging Program	\$20,000	Annual Request
H017 F	Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems Program	6,000,000	Annual Request
H529 N	Mini-FARMS Program	500,000	Annual Request
	Total Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems:	\$6,520,000	\$0
Conserva	ation Rebates and Retrofits		
B015 \	Water Incentives Supporting Efficiency Program	\$225,000	Annual Request
	Total Conservation Rebates and Retrofits:	\$225,000	\$0
Other Wa	ter Supply Development Assistance		
H094 F	Polk Regional Water Cooperative - Polk Partnership	\$5,000,000	\$0
H103 \	Water Supply & Water Resource Development Grant Program	20,000,000	Annual Request
	Total Other Water Supply Development Assistance:	\$25,000,000	\$0
Well Plug	iging		
B099 (Quality of Water Improvement Program	\$620,000	Annual Request
	Total Well Plugging:	\$620,000	\$0
Springs -	Water Quality		
H104 S	Springs Initiative Grant Program	\$14,500,000	Annual Request
	Total Springs - Water Quality:	\$14,500,000	\$0
Water Res	source Education		
P259 \	Youth Water Resources Education Program	\$530,000	Annual Request
P268 F	Public Water Resources Education Program	5,000	Annual Request
	Total Water Resource Education:	\$535,000	\$0
	Total District Grants:	\$47,865,505	\$740,515
	Total Cooperative Funding Projects and District Grants:	\$90,569,064	\$212,108,084

H. Fixed Capital Outlay

		FY2023 Adopted	Total Future
	Project Name equisition	Budget	Funding
	Data Collection Site Acquisitions	\$194,000	\$776,000
C007			
S097	Florida Forever Work Plan Land Purchases	15,300,000	0
	Total Land Acquisition:	\$15,494,000	\$776,000
District	<u>Facilities</u>		
C217	Districtwide Window Replacements	\$196,000	\$1,675,000
C218	Elevator Replacements	200,000	0
C219	Districtwide HVAC, Pavement, & Roof Capital Renovations	638,000	542,500
	Total District Facilities:	\$1,034,000	\$2,217,500
Land Ma	anagement anagement		
SC06	Flying Eagle West Dike Road Airboat Slide Construction	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Total Land Management:	\$100,000	\$100,000
Works o	of the District (i.e., structures, canals, dams, culverts)		
B67H	Flood Control Structure Gate Replacement and Drum & Cable Conversions	\$150,000	\$19,000,000
C688	Medard Reservoir Sump Pump Construction	325,000	0
	Total Works of the District:	\$475,000	\$19,000,000
Well Co	nstruction		
C005/ C007	Aquifer Exploration and Monitor Well Drilling Program	\$1,609,250	\$3,634,500
	Total Well Construction:	\$1,609,250	\$3,634,500
	Total Fixed Capital Outlay:	\$18,712,250	\$25,728,000